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The steam-ship Himalaya, 1,541 Tons, 250 H.P., Commander W. H. Atkinson, will be despatched on Tuesday, the 3rd August at noon.

	August.		August.
Leave Bombay	3	Leave Madras	15
„ Cuwar	5	„ Coconada	17
„ Narrakal	7	„ Vizagapatam	18
„ Tuticorin	9	„ Bimlipatam	19
„ Colombo	10	„ Gopalpore	20
„ Galle	10	„ False Point	21
„ Negapatam	12	Arrive Calcutta	22
„ Pondicherry	13		

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No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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Interchanging cargo and passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under mail contract with Government, will despatch a steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Lingia, Bushire, Fao, and Bussorah.

Up.	Aug.	Down.	Aug.
Leave Bombay	7	Leave Bussorah	27
„ Kurrachee	11	„ Fao	31
„ Guadur	12	„ Bushire	Sep. 1
„ Muscat	15	„ Lingia	2
„ Bunder Abbas	17	„ Bunder Abbas	4
„ Lingia	18	„ Muscat	6
„ Bushire	21	„ Guadur	8
„ Fao	22	„ Kurrachee	11
Arrive Bussorah	23	Arrive Bombay	14

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under mail contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, despatch a steamer to Kurrachee every Saturday, at 4 P.M.

The steam-ship Kurrachee, 510 tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Cottier, will be despatched on Saturday, the 31st July at 4 P.M.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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Fares from Bombay to	Rewas.	Dhurumtur.	Butchers Island and Oorun.	Colwa.
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First Class	2 0	3 0	2 0	3 0
Second Class	1 12	2 8	1 8	2 12
Third Class	0 6	0 8	0 4	0 9

The Dhurumtur Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M.

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Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

Apollo Street, Bombay, 5th November 1867.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION WITH ENGLAND.

On Tuesday, the 27th July, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. NUBIA, 2,695 tons, and 450 H.P., Captain C. J. Wilkinson, will leave for SUEZ as above, carrying H.M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Trieste, Venice, Genoa, Barcelona and Havre, Liverpool, or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 11 A.M. on Monday, the 26th instant.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 A.M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the new Dock Head at Mazagon for the convenience of Passengers at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

H. S. BOSTOCK, Actg. Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 20th July, 1869.

SUEZ CANAL.—The undersigned are authorised to book Goods through the Canal from Suez to Port Said.

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Goods conveyed direct from the Steamers in Suez Roads to the Steamers in Port Said Harbour without landing.

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For all information respecting Steamers calling at Port Said, or other matters connected with the Canal, apply to

BLACKWELL & Co.,

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NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per Ship CITY OF CANTON, arrived from Glasgow, are requested to despatch Boats at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the concerned. W. NICOL & Co.,

Agents of ship City of Canton.

Bombay, 23rd July, 1869.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per Ship SOOLOO, Captain Edom, from London, are requested to send Boats alongside to take delivery of their respective Goods as they come to hand, failing which they will be landed by the Captain on account and risk of the concerned.

Captain Edom will not be responsible for the condition of any Package after it has once left the Ship's Deck.

BLACKWELL & Co.,

Agents for Captain Edom, Ship Sooloo.

Bombay, 21st July, 1869.

NOTICES.

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First.—The Government of India having offered to purchase the property of the Company on the following terms (the terms in detail will be stated at the Meeting and embodied in the Resolution), it is resolved that the said offer be accepted by the Company, and that the Liquidator or Liquidators to be hereafter appointed to wind up the Company are hereby authorised to adopt and carry into effect the said offer and acceptance.

Second.—That the said Company be wound up voluntarily under Act X. of 1866 of the Legislative Council of India.

Third.—That the members in Bombay of the Firm of Messrs. W. Nicol & Co. be appointed Liquidators at a remuneration, the rate of which is to be fixed at the Meeting.

Fourth.—That the Liquidators shall have power to compromise all calls and liabilities to calls, debts, and liabilities capable of resulting in debts, and all claims whether present or future subsisting or supposed to subsist between the Company and any Contributory or alleged Contributory or other debtor or person apprehending liability to the Company, and all questions in any way relating to or affecting the assets of the Company, or the winding up of the Company generally upon such terms as may be agreed upon, with power for the Liquidators to take any security for the discharge of such debts or liabilities, and to give complete discharges in respect of all or any such calls, debts, or liabilities."

HURGOVUNDASS GEERDHURLAL,
Liquidator.

Bombay, 15th July, 1869.

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Bombay and Poona, 26th July, 1869.

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Acting Agent.

Company's Offices, Elphinstone Circle,
Bombay, 24th July, 1869.

NOTICE.—The INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. NOWROJEE MANOCKJEE WADIA CEASED in our Firm on 13th March last.

J. N. WADIA'S SONS & Co.

Bombay, 24th July, 1869.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the PARTNERSHIP subsisting between Messrs. NOWROJEE MANOCKJEE WADIA and NUSSERWANJEE JEHANGEER WADIA, under the Style or Firm of Messrs. J. N. Wadia's Sons & Co., has been DISSOLVED from the 12th March last.

NOWROJEE MANOCKJEE WADIA.

Bombay, 23rd July, 1869.

NOTICE.—To BOAT-BUILDERS and CONTRACTORS.—The Local Funds Committee desire to receive sealed TENDERS for BUILDING a large FERRY BOAT for plying across the River at Surat.

Plans may be seen and other particulars obtained at the Local Funds Office in the Castle at Surat.

The Tenders are to be delivered on or before the 20th August next.

The Committee may not accept the lowest or any Tender unless satisfactory.

By order of the Collector and President, Local Funds Committee, Surat, W. SOWERBY, C.E.,

Local Funds Works' Engineer, S. & B. C.

Local Funds Office, Castle, Surat, 22nd July, 1869.

AUCTION SALE of Landed Property at Naigaum.—On SATURDAY, the 7th day of August 1869, at 4 P.M., Messrs. HEERALALL & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the mortgagee and on account and risk of the mortgagor, Aishanjee, Widow, and Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Peer Mahomed bin Jumal Mahomed, deceased, in pursuance of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 3rd April 1865, all that piece or parcel of Toka Freehold Land or Ground, with the messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house, with out-houses standing thereon, situate, lying, and being at Naigaum, in the subdistrict of Mazagon, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 8, 34, 36, 64, assessed under No. 4, containing by admeasurement 8,030 square yards, and bounded as follows:—on or towards the east and south by a public passage, on or towards the west by the property of Muncherjee Bomanjee Punthuckee, and on or towards the north by the property of Ramchunder Wassoodewjee.

For further particulars apply at the office of the undersigned, No. 9, Hummum Street, Fort.

HEERALALL & Co.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.—ALEXANDER ALLAN, Tailor and Outfitter, 17 Apollo Street, Fort, has authorised Mr. WILLIAM OGG to RECEIVE MONIES and SIGN BILLS on his account during his absence in England from THIS DATE.

Bombay, 20th July, 1869. ALEX. ALLAN.

ANY PERSONS having CLAIMS against, or being indebted to, the ESTATE of the late Mr. E. MULLALY, Head Accountant, Aden Treasury, are requested to COMMUNICATE with the 1st ASSISTANT POLITICAL RESIDENT, Aden, on or before the 1st October, 1869.

Aden, 9th July, 1869.

ESTATE of KARSANDAS MAHADAVADAS and COMPANY.—A SECOND and FINAL DIVIDEND of 1/8 (one-eight) per cent. on the admitted claims will be PAYABLE at the Office of the undersigned, No. 30, Meadow Street, on MONDAY, the 26th instant, and on subsequent days. Creditors are requested to produce any Vouchers in their possession in substantiation of their claims.

H. G. DUNLOP, Sole Trustee.

Bombay, 19th July, 1869.

FARM of MUNICIPAL TAXES, AHMEDABAD.—TENDERS will be RECEIVED for the above up to the 31st August, 1869, by the undersigned.

Particulars on application to the Secretary Ahmedabad Municipality.

No reason will be assigned for the rejection of, nor does the Municipality bind itself to accept, any Tender.

A. A. BORRADAILE,
President Municipal Committee.

THE UNDERSIGNED begs respectfully to announce to the LADIES and GENTLEMEN of BOMBAY that he has OPENED a SHOP, at No. 3, Kalbadevie Road, for the sale, at moderate prices, of Surat WORKING BOXES in great variety, Chessmen, sets of Alphabets, Toys, all made of Ivory, Ebony and Sandalwood, nicely engraved and beautifully ornamented, worth sending Home as presents. He has a branch shop at Surat near the Buxy's Puria Mahal.

FRAMJEE PESTONJEE.

Bombay, 20th July, 1869.

AGRA BANK (LIMITED).—The Directors have reserved, for distribution in India, a limited number of the NEW ISSUE of SHARES, and applications for the same will be received by the undersigned until further notice.

The Shares will be allotted at par, and Calls must be paid as follows:—

On application	£ 1	per share.
„ allotment	„ 2	„
31st August, 1869	„ 2	„
28th February, 1870	„ 2 10s.	„
31st May, 1870	„ 2 10s.	„

Forms of application can be obtained at the Bank.

EDWARD MORRISS,
Manager, Bombay Branch.

KURRACHEE MUNICIPALITY.—A Meeting for the election of a Municipal Secretary and Surveyor will be held at Kurrachee at noon after the 23rd of August, 1869, so far as may be practicable.

Candidates are requested to forward their applications, accompanied by a statement of their qualifications and terms, and by any certificates (in original) of former service they may possess, to the undersigned, so as to arrive not later than the 16th August 1869.

If the original certificates are required to be returned at once they should also be accompanied by copies.

No applications arriving at a later date than the above will be attended to.

Any further information will be afforded by E. Nash, Esq., the present Secretary, or by

W. R LAMBERT, Lieut.-Col.,
Magistrate and President Kurrachee Municipality.

Kurrachee, 16th June, 1869.

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"Bombay Gazette" Office, May 11.

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JEWANJEE & Co. have the pleasure to intimate to the Gentry of Bombay and Poona that the above Hotel has now been OPENED, and is already being largely patronised.

The Hotel is pleasantly situated near the Bund, the Compound running down to the River's side. The Hotel is close to the Poona Boating Club's premises, and the crews practise in front of the Hotel. It is a spacious, commodious, new building, and has been fitted up in a style, regardless of expense, so that the comforts of Visitors may be ensured.

Poona, 1st July, 1869. JEWANJEE & Co.

REDUCTION OF RATES.

BYCULLA HOTEL, at the Junction of the Bellasis and Clare Roads, Byculla.

Jewanjee and Co., in thanking their numerous Patrons for their support, and soliciting a continuance of their favours, beg to state that they have REDUCED their CHARGES to FIVE RUPEES per DAY, till 15th September, 1869, for Travellers, Visitors, and Permanent Lodgers.

Under the present Management this Hotel is acknowledged to be the best in Bombay. It was built at great cost expressly for an Hotel, and fitted up and furnished in the most complete manner regardless of expense, so as to ensure the comfort of Visitors and Residents. It is well adapted both for Families and Gentlemen, and at the Reduced Rates will be found a pleasant and economical residence even for Gentlemen residing permanently in Bombay. It is pleasantly and conveniently situated, being within five minutes' drive of the principal Station of the G.I. P. Railway and B. B. & C. I. Railway, and at a short distance from the landing places of the Harbour.

The Dining Hall is the largest in Bombay, and the Sitting and Sleeping Rooms are replete with every convenience. The strictest regard is paid to cleanliness throughout the Establishment.

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	Qts. per doz.	Pts. per doz.
A 1—Chateau Latour or Mouton. Gold Capsule, Labelled & Branded	Rs. 30 0	Rs. 16 0
Chateau Rauzan. Black capsules, .. „	25 0	„ 14 0
Chateau Leoville, Blue capsule, „	22 0	„ 12 0
Chateau Palmer, Blue capsule, „	22 0	
Chateau Largoze, Yellow capsule, „	18 0	„ 10 8
St. Julien, Green capsule, „	17 0	„ 10 0
Medoc, Red capsule „	15 8	„ 9 0
Medoc, White capsule, „	13 8	
Sauterne, „	22 0	

BURGUNDIES—RED AND WHITE.
(Very Choice—Our own Brand and Shipping.)

Chambertin, Labelled and Branded	Rs. 32 0 Rs. 17 0
Nuits, ditto	„ 26 0
Macon, ditto	„ 21 0
Chablis, ditto	„ 22 0

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The finest DRY CHAMPAGNES that can be shipped.
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Magnums, Finest Dry	Labelled	Rs. 71 0
Finest Dry Sparkling, Gold Foil,	„	„ 36 0 Rs. 19 8
Fine Sparkling, Silver Foil	„	„ 32 0 „ 17 8
Good Sparkling, Silver Foil for Ball purposes	„	„ 27 0 „ 14 8

GERMAN WINES.
(Our own Brand and Shipping.)

Nonpareil Sparkling Hock and Moselle, Gold foil, Labelled and Branded	Rs. 36 to 19 8
Sparkling Hock and Muscatel Moselle, Silver foil	„ 32 „ 17 8
Moselle, Still, Marcobrunner	„ 34 „
„ Braunberger	„ 25 „
Hock, „ Johannisberger	„ 42 „
„ „ Forster Traminer	„ 34 „
„ „ Rudesheimer	„ 26 „
„ „ Hochheimer	„ 23 „

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Specially selected for tropical consumption.
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Amontillado, very choice and superior	Rs. 32 0
Amoroso, very choice, full flavored, soft, pale	„ 28 0
Sherry, Green seal, full bodied, light gold colour, nutty and dry	„ 22 0
do. Blue seal, very pale and dry and delicate	„ 22 0
do. Brown seal, pale dry and delicate	„ 22 0
do. Yellow seal, pale and dry, an excellent Dinner Wine	„ 18 8
do. White seal, ordinary Dinner Wine	„ 15 0
Marsala, Virgin Pale	„ 15 8
Madeira, East India (one voyage) very choice	„ 33 8

PORTS.
(Our own Brand.)

	Q's.	Pts.
A 1 Gold seal, an Invalid's Wine, full and fruity. Trade mark	Rs. 30 0	
Black seal, a Dessert Wine—mature	„ 24 8	14 0
Red seal—a good quality Wine	„ 18 0	

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The undermentioned Spirits of our own Shipping and Brand are protected by Patent Trade Mark Capsules and Labels. These Labels were in shape (Heart shape) originated by us in 1842, and have since been continuously affixed to all Bottles containing our well-known Cognacs. Some of our competitors have recently introduced totally distinct quality Cognacs with same shaped Labels and distinguishing Seals. Healthy

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET steady. Elphinstones Rs. 1,030, Colabas Rs. 1,760, for time; New Frerces Rs. 205.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Subscribed Capital.	Nomi. of sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Rate per Share.
Rs.		Rs. p. a.			
1,000,000	100	all	10 p.ct.	Agra Bank	126
3,140,000	1,000	all	9 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1675
3,000,000	500	all	9 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New	615
2,750,000	1,000	all	7½ p.ct.	Ditto of Madras	1,620
750,000	250	all	9 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. L.& China	255
700,000	200	all	6 do.	Chartered Bk. of L. & C.	210
1,000,000	500	250	8 do.	Delhi and London	200
1,000,000	250	125	8 do.	National Bank of India	145
500,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	425

PRESS COMPANIES.

427,470	2,850	...	350	Akbar Press Co.	2,325
40,000	2,000	1,100	200	Albert Co. Kurrachee	900
75,000	3,000	500	300	Alexandra Press Co.	625
187,500	12,500	11,400	1750	Apollo Press Co.	19,300
99,000	2,000	2,000	1000	Bombay Press Co.	2,350
...	500	500	1000	Do. New	600
...	1,800	1,200	1000	Colaba Press Co.	11,400
10,000	2,000	2,000	...	East India Press Co.	1,300
937,500	8,500	8,500	1000	Fort Press Co.	10,500
160,000	2,000	1,800	100	Framji Cowasji Press	1,325
100,000	6,000	4,000	425	Hydraulic Press Co.	2,800
20,000	5,000	2,000	...	Kurrachee Press Co.	1,025
300,000	1,000	500	...	Mofus. Press & G. Co.	350
30,000	2,500	2,500	400	Prince of Wales Press	2,950
40,000	2,000	750	...	Victoria Press, Madras	1,300

CALCUTTA.—20TH JULY, 1869.

Government Securities.—The transactions in 4 per cents., reported to-day, exceed 5 lakhs of which about a third sold for cash at Rs. 94-8 and 94-10 or 5-8 and 5-6 discount; the remainder, it was said, obtained the same prices, payment being by Bills of Exchange. Only small amounts of 5 per cents. of 1856-57 were bought at quotations.

The following sales and purchases of shares were reported to-day:—

National Bank shares, at Rs. 139.

East Indian Railway Stock, at Rs. 240 per £20.

Goosery Cotton Mills Co.'s shares at Rs. 202, exclusive of the dividend.

Fort Canning Land Investment, &c., Co.'s shares, were again in demand, both for Bombay orders and by bazar speculators; the market opened at Rs. 300, and slowly advanced to Rs. 305, 310, touched 312½, and, in the afternoon again declined to Rs. 305, at which price one or two small lots sold after 5 P.M.

A batch of Tirhoot Indigo Co.'s shares were placed at Rs. 52 per share of Rs. 200 paid-up.—*Englishman.*

MILITARY.

DEPARTURES.—JULY 24.

Leckie, Colonel, Superintendent Army Clothing, on duty, to Poona.

Wynch, Captain, Royal Artillery, to join, to Kamptee.

ARMY GENERAL ORDERS.

By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Poona, 23rd July, 1869.

The services of No. 1431, Acting Bombardier Louis Kennedy, 18th Brigade Royal Artillery, are placed at the disposal of the Commissary General, for employment in the Commissariat Department.

The Officer Commanding A and B Batteries E Brigade Royal Horse Artillery and D Battery 18th Brigade Royal Artillery, are authorised to issue an extra 5 lbs. of grass daily to each horse in their respective Batteries from 16th July to 15th September 1869.

The undermentioned officers are reported to have passed the required examination in native languages as follows:—

Hindoostani Higher Standard—Lieutenant W. H. C. Wyllie, 20th Punjaub N. I.

Lieutenant J. H. Newill, 1st Madras Cavalry.
Lieutenant A. Fishe, 2nd Battalion 1st Foot.
Lieutenant A. F. P. Adams, 1st Battalion 2nd Foot.
Ensign R. S. Simpson 1st Battalion 2nd Foot.
Lieutenant H. F. Seagrove 1st Battalion 23rd Foot.
Ensign W. J. Morse, 102nd Foot.
Guzerati.—Assistant Surgeon A. S. Jayakar, Indian Medical Department.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Head Quarters, Simla, 19th July 1869.

The Commander-in-Chief in India is pleased to make the following promotions and appointment, subject to approval by Her Majesty:—

5th Lancers.—Lieutenant Frederick Sedley to be Captain, without purchase, vice Thackwell, deceased. Dated 25th June 1869.

Lieutenant James Dennis to be Adjutant, vice Sedley, promoted. Dated 25th June 1869.

Cornet Cyril William B. Bell to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Dennis, appointed Adjutant. Dated 25th June 1869.

Cornet Alexander Macnamara to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Bell, a probationer for the Staff Corps. Dated 25th June 1869.

The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to make the following appointments:—

10th Bengal Cavalry.—Captain H. C. Greenaway to retain the appointment of Adjutant, on promotion to the rank of Captain. Dated 9th July 1869.

5th Native Infantry.—Captain T. D. Madden to retain the appointment of Adjutant, on his promotion to the rank of Captain. Dated 8th July 1869.

8th Native Infantry.—Ensign R. A. Gilchrist, 28th Foot, a candidate for the Staff Corps, to be 2nd Wing Subaltern, on probation, vice Verner, appointed 1st Wing Subaltern. Dated 8th July 1869.

Lieutenant Colonel J. E Fraser, Staff Corps, Assistant Adjutant General, having returned from sick furlough to Europe, is posted to the Allahabad Division, vice Lieutenant Colonel H. E. Ironmonger, Staff Corps, proceeding on furlough to Europe. Lieutenant Colonel Fraser is directed to proceed and join forthwith.

Captain M. A. D. Orchard is promoted to 1st class Barrackmaster, vice Major Bruce, permitted to resign at his own request.

Under instructions from the Horse Guards, the retirement from the service, by the sale of his commission, of Lieutenant C. H. Newbatt, 2nd Battalion 10th Foot, published in General Orders of the 29th May 1868, is cancelled.

Lieutenant A. C. Toker, Staff Corps, (Adjutant 18th Native Infantry,) is permitted to proceed to Calcutta, to appear before a medical board, preparatory to applying for sick leave to sea.

Lieutenant R. G. Beavan, Staff Corps, whose services were recently placed at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief, is attached to the 10th Native Infantry, at Cawnpore.

The Huzara Field Force order, dated the 21st September 1868, appointing Staff Assistant Surgeon R. C. C. Hickson to the medical charge of the Field Hospital (British Troops) Abbottabad, vice Assistant Surgeon W. Miller, is confirmed, with the sanction of Government.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—

20th Hussars.—Lieutenant C. Mangles, to remain in England, from the 16th November 1869 to the 15th May 1870, in extension of private affairs.

Royal Horse Artillery.—Lieutenant C. R. E. Wheatley, (C. Battery, D. Brigade,) to England, overland, to appear before a medical board.

Royal Artillery.—Surgeon D. Woods, (14th Brigade,) to the Dalhousie hills, from the 20th July to the 20th October, on urgent private affairs.

Assistant Surgeon H. C. Guinness, (D. Battery, 8th Brigade,) to Nynee Tal, from the 29th June to the 15th July, on private affairs, in extension of privilege leave.

5th Foot. (1st Battalion.)—Lieutenant T. Tarleton, for one month from the 10th July 1869, to port of embarkation and thence to England, for six months, on urgent private affairs.

Lieutenant C. de J. Graeme, to the hills north of Dalhousie, from the 15th July to the 15th October, on private affairs.

12th Foot, (2nd Battalion.)—Captain E. Chinn, to England, overland, to appear before a medical board.

21st Foot, (2nd Battalion.)—Captain M. Thunder, to England, for 15 months, from date of embarkation, on urgent private affairs.

23rd Foot, (1st Battalion.)—Captain C. Monsell, to England, overland, to appear before a medical board.

57th Foot.—Staff Assistant Surgeon J. R. Purdon, M. R., to remain at Nynee Tal, from the 14th June to the 14th July, on private affairs, in extension of privilege leave

60th Foot, (2nd Battalion.)—Lieutenant G. L. M'L Farmer, to the hills north of Deyrah, on private affairs, from the 20th September to the 14th October.

[This cancels the leave granted in G. O. C. C. 26th ultimo, p. 269.]

Staff Corps.—Lieutenant Colonel J. F. Stafford, (Commandant 19th Native Infantry,) to remain at Simla, on medical certificate, from the 5th July to the 1st November, in extension of privilege leave, under the Rules of 1868.

Major A. Cory, (Brigade Major, Rawul Pindee,) to remain at Simla, on medical certificate, from the 2nd July to the 1st October, in extension of privilege leave.

Captain W. Musgrave, (2nd in Command and Squadron Officer 15th Bengal Cavalry,) to Cashmere, from the 11th May to the 10th October, on medical certificate.

[In cancellation of the leave granted him in G. O. C. C. 4th ultimo, p. 225.]

Medical Staff.—Staff Assistant Surgeon A. Neill, to England, overland, to appear before a medical board.

RETURNS OF HORSES.

The attention of Commanding Officers of European Cavalry Regiments and Batteries of Artillery is called to the necessity for the punctual transmission to the Examiner of Stud Accounts of the Annual Abstract Return of horses with their Regiments and Batteries, as required by G. G. O. No. 532, dated 31st August 1863.

THE MUTINY ACT.

The Mutiny Act, dated the 19th day of April 1869, together with the Articles of War thereto annexed, having been received, the Commander-in-Chief in India is pleased to promulgate the same, and to direct that from and after this date the said Act and Articles shall, under the provisions of the 102nd Section of the said Mutiny Act, be in full force, and be proceeded under by all Courts Martial and Commanding Officers, until the 1st day of January 1871.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—23RD JULY.

London	Cotton	£1 10s. 0d. Nominal per ton.
	Cases	£1 7s. 6d. to £1 10s. 0d. „
	Seeds	£1 0s. 0d. to £1 5s. 0d. „
Liverpool	Iron Ships Cotton	£1 7s. 6d. to £1 12s. 6d. „
	Wooden Ships	£1 5s. 0d. to £1 10s. 0d. „
	Myrabolns & Colr bdls	£0 10s. 0d. to £0 12s. 6d. „
	Seeds	£0 17s. 6d. to £1 0s. 0d. „
Havre	Cotton	£2 0s. 0d. Nominal. „
	Coffee	Nominal
Overland	Steamers	£3 15s. 0d. to £4 0s. 0d.
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 10 per bale.
	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest.
	Sailing Ships	Nominal
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 2 8 0 to 2 12 0 per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 12 to 14 and Calcutta Port Charges
Mauritius		8 annas per bag nominal.

ARRIVAL.

July	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
24	Defiance	Hughes	Liverpool. April 11.

DEPARTURE.

July	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
24	Abyssinia (s)	Templeton	Persian Gulf via Kurrachee.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances on Saturday last:—

Ship Scindia, Carr, to Java.
Ship Hills, Blomberry, to Batavia.

CALCUTTA.

DEPARTURE.

July 19 Deccan ..... —— ..... ——

ADVERTISING AT RAILWAY STATIONS.

THE Proprietor of the "Bombay Gazette" Press having leased (among other privileges) from the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, and the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Company, the exclusive right of advertising at all the Railway Stations belonging to these two Companies, is prepared to contract with parties desirous of posting Notices or Advertisements on the lines.

The announcements may be in English or in any of the Native languages.

The advantages which Railway Stations present as a means of bringing intimations of all kinds before the public have been demonstrated in England by the extensive use which is made by Advertisers, of every station, great and small, along ever line n the United Kingdom.

Insurance Companies, Shipping Companies, Hotel Keepers, Merchants, Traders, and others who wish to force their business on the notice of the public, all alike value the privilege of Railway Station Advertising

There is no reason why the privilege should not be also specially valuable to Advertisers in India. Looking to the great and increasing number of Native Railway passengers on the two trunk lines of Western India, native merchants, traders, &c. seeing that they have the privilege of advertising in their own language), Advertisers would find the publication of their announcements at Railway Stations a decided means of extending their business.

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"Bombay Gazette" Press, 1868.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTHS.

AINSWORTH—July 23rd, at Mattarpacady, the wife of Mr. C. Ainsworth, of a daughter.

TUBACK—July 25th, at Colaba, the wife of Mr. M. P. Tuback, senior, of a son.

WEBB—July 24th, at their residence, Bandora, the wife of Mr. A. Webb, Assistant Superintendent of Markets, of a daughter.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

DEATHS.

KNYVETT—July 15th, at the Jeypore Dak Bungalow, of cholera, after a few hours' illness, Captain Frederick Arthur Currie Knyvett, B.S.C., Commanding Mairwarra Battalion, son of the late Colonel Knyvett, aged 32 years.

YEATTS—July 17th, at Kussowlie, Catherine Jane, daughter of Quarter Master Alexander Yeatts, 92nd Gordon Highlanders, aged 10 months.

GARDINER—July 17th, at Dugshaie, Henry John, the youngest child of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. T. G. Gardiner, of "The Buffs," aged 18 months and 15 days.

Now Ready,

REPORT OF THE BOMBAY BANK COMMISSION.

JUST PUBLISHED, at the "Bombay Gazette" Press, a reprint of the REPORT of the BOMBAY BANK COMMISSION. Price Re. 1.

"Bombay Gazette" Office, July 15th, 1869.

NOTICE.

All CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, and other Remittances sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

Bombay Gazette Office, Bombay.

The Bombay Gazette

MONDAY, JULY 26, 1869.

THE last meeting of the Bench of Justices ought to afford some consolation to those who still believe that so strangely constituted a body can effectively superintend and control Municipal affairs; for it stands out conspicuously as a business-like meeting, remarkable for good sense, temper, and deliberation. Some persons are malicious enough to impute the result to the rain, which kept away some and lowered the exuberant spirits of those who were present. We do not pretend to account for the characteristics of the day's proceedings, and are content to let them go for what they are worth. If we ventured to make any remark, it would be that the workman-like aspect of the Bench on this occasion may, *primâ facie*, be attributed to the scantiness of the attendance. It is, so far, testimony in favour of a small manageable deliberative body.

The first thing one observes is the expansion of the auditors' functions. Not only has the dispute between Mr. Crawford and Mr. Shapoorjee been referred to these gentlemen, but the Bench has erected them into a sort of court of inquiry, or supplementary controllership, to discover whether the expenditure sanctioned by the Bench has been exceeded by the Municipal Commissioner; whether, in short, the money voted in one year is duly appropriated, or whether the debts of one year are paid out of the revenue of another. Without dogmatising on the subject, we are bound to remark that this is a very great extension of the scope of an audit. Practically the Controller ought to see that the monies voted are spent in accordance with the votes of the Bench; he ought to report on the whole subject; and he ought to point out, if the Municipal Commissioner neglected to do so, when the expenditure is in excess of income. We are also of opinion that a Controller, having the weight and authority which, under the Act, he is supposed to possess, should be the tribunal in the last resort before whom any question, like that between Mr. Shapoorjee and Mr. Crawford, should be tried. It must be admitted that to impose the performance of such functions on the Controller presupposes that he is a perfectly independent agent, brave enough and strong enough to maintain his place in the administration, and to decide without any leanings one way or the other. That the Bench should refuse to confide in the Controller, and throw the burden on the auditors, is some evidence that the Controller does not, at present, come up even to the standard which satisfies the Bench. It should be remarked, however, that the Bench by giving such scope to the auditors is virtually creating a new controllership. Indeed, the auditors are now made to supplement alike the Finance Committee and the Controller. To such anomalous proceedings is the Bench driven by the clumsy Act of 1865.

But the greatest anomaly and clearest proof of the weakness, alike of the Bench and the special engine of control created by the Act, is the extraordinary fact that on the 19th of July 1869, the Bench should still be waiting for the accounts of 1868! The greatest gain to the Bench was that a man holding the position held by Mr. C. Chapman was chairman on the occasion. His accession to the Finance Committee will strengthen that body, not only because Mr. Chapman is independent and competent, but because he shows a praiseworthy desire to work for the public good. We are not surprised that he should comment on the absence of the accounts from the Report of the Commissioner. The non-production of anything resembling a balance-sheet has long been a subject of remark in private society. It betrays a remissness and laxity of administration, and to the public it matters nothing whether the fault must be laid at the door of the Commissioner or the late Executive Engineer. At this moment we know nothing of the financial condition and prospects of the Municipality. It is matter for doubt whether the fifteen lakhs loan, plus the outstandings—collected with such energy *after* the Town Duties Act had been secured—and the yield of the Town Duties, will suffice to efface the deficit and save us from another loan at the beginning of 1870. That such a state of things should exist is quite sufficient proof of the impotence of the Bench and the indifference of the Government. What prospect have we of any improvement? Mr. Chapman, it is true, has reminded the Commissioner that a mere statement of income and expenditure is not a balance sheet; that a real balance sheet is absolutely essential; and that the accounts at present are in a most unsatisfactory state. But, unhappily, we have heard all this before, and gained nothing thereby, because there is nowhere any power, able, or if able, willing, to insist on the reform of abuses which would not be tolerated for a week in any Collectorate. While we regard the last meeting of the Bench with satisfaction, we cannot fail to remember that one swallow does not make a summer, nor that nothing whatever has been altered in the fundamental constitution of an administrative machine which, after four years' trial, has proved so unfit for the ends it was, we suppose, designed to accomplish.

The absence of accounts from the Report of the Municipal Commissioner—a fact already noticed—is not the only omission of which we have reason to complain. We do not find anywhere in the Report any narrative of the important proceedings of last year which ended, after a severe debate, in the passage of the Octroi Bill and the negotiation of the fifteen lakhs loan. Yet we submit that, in a report on the year 1868, a history of the mode whereby it came to pass that grain is taxed in 1869, should have found a place. The Municipal Commissioner is not wanting in courage, and we cannot assume, for a moment, that he feared to recall and even exult in the tactics which, beginning by the attack on the Licence Tax and continued by the reduction of the House Duty, prepared the way, by the deliberate creation of a deficit, for the grand scheme framed expressly to levy black mail on the trade of Western India, and to take toll on the food of the people. Some account should have been given of the part played by the "outstandings" in this unhappy campaign. No one could have told us the whole story better than a Municipal Commissioner who lent all his energies to promote and achieve the project, to which, in its truncated shape, the Government gave such a reluctant consent. In any review of the financial history of 1868 the story of the "grand and comprehensive scheme," and of the means employed to secure its adoption ought to find a place. But as the Municipal Commissioner did not think it expedient to "encumber,"—we should have said "light up,"—the body of his report with financial information essential to a knowledge of our financial status, we ought not, perhaps, to be astonished at the omission of all reference to the most important political and social contest in 1868. But we shall hear enough of the Octroi Duties before we have done with them, and we do not intend that they shall be forgotten.

IT is now reported that Captain Sladen, who intended going home on sick leave, has decided on remaining at Mandalay.

ALLAHABAD is to have a "Cathedral," if there can be such a thing without a Bishop. The designs of Mr. Emerson, of Bombay, have been accepted, and it is said that this architect will carry out his own plans.—*Friend of India.*

THE "Delhi Gazette" hears that there is some likelihood of the recently discovered and now popular station of Thundiani, near Abbottabad, being finally abandoned or given up as a residence by Government servants, in consequence of its isolated and indefensible position, and distance from military aid.

LIKE the rest of "society" in Bombay the Bishop has made Poona his head-quarters during the rainy season, when that otherwise brown and dusty station is charming. The "Church Gazette" mentions that he is inspecting the outlying stations in the Deccan, and will visit Sind in December to hold his first ordination at Kurrachee.—*Friend of India.*

THE Khangaom branch railway, says the "Pioneer," is now in full progress. There was at one time lately a difficulty about the permanent way, which is to be procured from the old Back Bay reclamation works at Bombay. But this has been satisfactorily overcome, and there are no grounds for doubting that the line may be completed by the end of the year.

IT looks very like a probability that Lord Mayo's present intention is to revisit Simla next year, when he has determined upon having a very necessary addition made to Government House here. A spacious apartment is to be built, wherein he can hold his levees, durbars, councils, dinners, concerts and all public assemblages. This room is to be ready by the time the Viceroy comes up in spring.—*Indian Volunteer Service Gazette.*

WE ("Englishman") understand that a committee is to be formed for the purpose of reporting on the breeding establishments throughout India. For this committee Bengal give a well known light cavalry officer, Major Frere; Bombay follows suit with another well known officer, Lieutenant Colonel Thornhill, but Madras names Captain Napier Campbell, Royal Horse Artillery. The object of the committee is to find out the best description of horse fit for native cavalry, and to regulate the breeding of such animals.

THE "Madras Mail" understands that Lord Mayo has just offered Mr. J. R. Kindersley, C.S., the Officiating Judicial Commissioner of Mysore, the third Judgeship of the High Court at Lahore, and that that gentleman has declined the appointment. Mr. Kindersley will, in all probability, be selected to act as a Judge of the Madras High Court, should, as is probable, Mr. Collett shortly go home on furlough. It is supposed that Mr. Kindersley has hopes of being offered the Chief Commissionership of Mysore, which will become vacant early next year, on the retirement of Mr. Bowring, C.S.I.; but we fear any such hope is doomed to be disappointed. Mr. Kindersley is essentially a judicial officer.

THE Commander-in-Chief of Madras is expected to return to the presidency town about the end of next month.

IT is stated that Mr. Thomas Jones has been appointed Inspector General of Printing Offices in Bengal, on a salary of 1,000 rising to 1,500 rupees.

THE "Jubbulpore Chronicle" reports the appearance of cholera in the 2nd Battalion 12th Regiment at that station. Three fatal cases are said to have occurred on the 20th.

The question of raising a new police levy of Kookies, numbering about 2,000 men, especially for the eastern frontier, has (we learn from the "Indian Daily News") been finally settled, and a report has been submitted on the subject by the Inspector-General of Police, who strongly recommends the measure.

UPWARDS of £25,000 worth of gold (says the "Madras Mail") was imported into Madras from Australia by the last steamer. The supplies drawn by India from Australia have been increasing enormously of late. The Banks find that they can get gold cheaper from the Colonies than from England.

A SWINDLER, calling himself "Major Evans Lawrence" and a nephew of the late Governor General, has been victimizing the Shanghai tradesmen. He was, he said, employed by the French Government in Saigon to superintend the dock building going on there, and got £1,500 a month. He had also his full pay of £95 a month from the British army.

BOTH the heavy battery and the Mountain Train, six guns each, have at last entered the Khyber Pass, (says the "Delhi Gazette,") and are on their way to Cabul. The Ameer had considerable difficulty in arranging matters with the Khyberees through his agent, Shahmurd Khan. His Highness was rather slow in "paying up" and the Khyberees not disposed to "give credit."

THE autumnal meeting of the Simla races will take place at Annandale on the 11th of September and three subsequent days. With so great a lover of sport as our present Viceroy we anticipate the meeting will be a tip-top affair. We shall give a programme of the races in some future issue, at present we shall only state that there are Peterhoff and Woodville Stakes, Merchant's Cup, and several other valuable stakes.—*Indian Volunteer Service Gazette.*

THE "Penang Gazette" states that Sir Harry Ord, Governor of the Straits Settlements, is about to proceed to Batavia to have an interview with the Governor-General of the Dutch Settlements. It appears that the monopolies and duties exacted at the pepper ports on the east coast of Sumatra have long been a standing complaint against the Dutch Government. The object of Sir Harry Ord's visit is to effect a settlement of this much-vexed question.

A BRIGADE Order, dated the 21st instant, contains (says our Agra contemporary) a copy of a telegram received by the Major General Commanding the Division from the Adjutant General of the Army, which is as follows:—"The Commander-in-Chief in India is pleased to direct remission of imprisonment in all simple cases of habitual drunkenness for which men may be undergoing confinement on the 19th July instant. The loss of one penny-a-day is to continue in force according to sentence of court-martial."

AT the last moment (says the "Englishman") the arrangements for the conduct of the Bengal office were changed. Mr. A. Rivers Thomson will not take up the duties of Secretary in the Revenue and General Departments immediately. He will take charge of Mr. Dampier's office under present arrangements about the middle of September. Meanwhile as a temporary measure Mr. A. Mackenzie will act for Mr. Dampier and Mr. Westland for Mr. Mackenzie. The Hon'ble Ashley Eden, with a portion of the office, will accompany the Lieutenant-Governor to Soory.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE IRISH CHURCH BILL.

LONDON, 22ND JULY.

Government have decided to proceed with the Irish Church Bill in the House of Lords notwithstanding the rejection of the preamble.

A colliery explosion occurred yesterday at Wigan, resulting in the loss of 48 lives.

LONDON, 23RD JULY.

In the House of Lords last night Earl Granville announced that he would proceed with the Bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church.

Lord Cairns stated he had had a conference with Earl Granville, and that a compromise had been arrived at. The original date of the disestablishment had been restored and a portion of the surplus funds was to be left, to be disposed of by Parliament in alleviation of unavoidable calamities.

THE COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE LORDS AND COMMONS.

LONDON, 23RD JULY.

The House of Lords have adopted the proposed compromise on the Irish Church Bill.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Grant Duff, replying to Mr. Lawson, said that the increased cultivation of opium in Bengal was merely intended to mitigate the fluctuations of the market.

ARRIVAL OF THE GREAT EASTERN OFF THE AMERICAN COAST.

LONDON, 24TH JULY.

The] House of Commons have agreed to the compromise effected in words (between Earl Granville and Lord Cairns).

The French Atlantic Cable Expedition has arrived off the American Coast. The Great Eastern had anchored, and preparations were being made to land the cable.

Mustapha Fazil, brother of the Viceroy of Egypt, has had an interview with the Sultan, and has since been appointed Minister without Portfolio.

The Viceroy, it is said, in consequence of despatches received from Constantinople, has decided to return abruptly to Egypt. His Highness embarked at Toulon yesterday.

The Sultan is making great preparations to receive the Empress of the French.

It is announced by telegraph from Spain that a conspiracy to assassinate Serrano, Prim, and Rivero has been discovered in Madrid.

Numerous arrests of Carlists have been made.

The Duc de Montpensier has entered Spain to claim his rights.

LONDON, 21ST JULY, AFT.

The Cotton Market to-day was quiet. Prices were unchanged.

Fair Dhollera 10½d.

At the Periodical Buildings for Government Bills on India £273,000 were allotted to Calcutta and £52,000 to Madras. The minimum rate fixed was 1s. 10¾d. Tenders at 1s. 11d. received 39 per cent.

LONDON, 22ND JULY, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day was steady.

Fair Dhollera 10¼d.

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending 21st July show the following results:—

Reserve of Notes	£10,375,000 Inc.	£500,000
Bills discounted	£15,375,000 Dec.	£250,000
Cash	£20,250,000 Inc.	£625,000

[BY INDIAN TELEGRAPH.]

THE CHINA MAIL.

GALLE, 24TH JULY, 11-2 A.M.

THE steamer Behar has arrived. She left Hongkong on the 8th, Singapore on the 16th, and Penang on the 18th July.

She brings the following news from Japan:—

Hakodate and Miaco have been captured by the Mikado's troops.

The Hayamaro steamer has been totally lost by striking on a rock in the inland sea.

A large number of pirates have been captured there by H. M.'s steamer Bouncer in concert with gunboats Anlan and Suitsing.

The Foochow tea market has been opened.

CALCUTTA, 23RD JULY, 3-35 P.M.

Govt. Paper { Fours Rs. 5-6. Fives Rs. 9½. Fives and a half, Rs. 13¾.

Exchange 1s. 11¼d.

Freights, Deadweight, rice 15s.

Jute £2 2s. 6d.

Linseed, £1 17s. 6d.

Shirtings, Rs. 5-12.

Madapollams, Rs. 2-8.

Mule Twist, 6 annas 9 pie.

Market for piece-goods, quiet.

Market for twist, better.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

THE *Bangalore Herald* hears "that a telegram from Simla has been received in the station, stating that the 16th (Queen's) Lancers will not proceed to Secunderabad as was anticipated. We believe that it is not yet definitely decided whether the 18th Hussars go to Mhow or not. They may probably go there, and the 15th Hussars to Hyderabad. That regiment is expected in Bombay at the latter end of the year."

A Madras paper says—"The A, B and C Batteries of the 9th Brigade Royal Artillery are expected to arrive at Bombay about the beginning of November next and will take the place of the 14th Brigade to be sent to England from that presidency. The 89th Regiment will take the place of 90th going to England from Kamptee, and either the 2nd Battalion 10th Regiment or the 2nd Battalion 19th Foot will be transferred from this command to the Bengal Presidency to garrison Fort William. The above two regiments are mentioned because they have long Indian service before them."

HOW NOT TO DO IT.

THERE is another good illustration (says the *Indian Daily News*) of how not to do it. When anything is required, officialism is as gracious as possible. If we want to get an exhibition all are graciously invited to contribute, and they frequently do so, and some one gets credit for the energy and taste displayed. A considerable amount of credit was gained by India in the late Paris Exhibition, so much so that a number of exhibitors were deemed worthy of some acknowledgment in return. The selection of these, if we remember rightly, was entrusted to the agent or commissioner who was sent to Paris on behalf of the Indian exhibitors. But it is not unlikely that these return presents will share the fate of the mutiny medals. They were allowed to tarnish in some Government office, and we are not sure whether they are not still in some corner of Calcutta. So with these "return presents." It is too much trouble to send them to their respective owners, and they are lying in some godown at the Foreign Office, a monument to our official industry and attention in a matter of courtesy which ought not to have been delayed beyond the time necessary to forward them to those who have been deemed worthy of them.

ATTEMPTED RAID IN HUZARA.

WE (*Pioneer*) are enabled now to give full particulars of the last attempted raid in Huzara. On the 10th of this month some partizans of the deposed Khan of Agrore, of whom the least insignificant were Kudrat Shah of Pharari, Atta Mahomed Khan Hussunzye, and Jareef Khan Akazye, did their best to burn two hamlets in Agrore, but the attempt was abortive. They had at first tried to enter Agrore by the route taken last year by the assailants of the Oghee Thannah; but our worst enemies of that period, the villagers of Shahtool and some of the chowkeedar villagers, turned out and prevented their passing. The raiders then made a detour and descended by another path to a hamlet called Godheree, and set some huts on fire. The inhabitants, however, of the adjacent village, Jaskote, assembled in force, promptly extinguished the flames at Godheree, and drove off the assailants, wounding a couple of them. The latter then dispersed, and have been no more heard of. No movement whatever of police was requisite, the villagers of the district having taken the restoration of order into their own hands with a promptitude and energy which perhaps might not have been shown in Hertfordshire.

INDIA'S INDEBTEDNESS.

THE natives of India hold almost none of our railway stock and comparatively little of our debt. The registered debt of India, as distinguished from that issued and paid in gold in England, was £62,827,200 at the end of last year. Of this 15¾ millions had been enfaced for payment of interest in London, and notes representing so much as 9½ millions had not been presented for interest. Of the remaining 37½ only 11¾ was held by natives and 25¾ by Europeans. Deducting the currency reserve, 18 millions are held in Calcutta, 5 in Bombay, 5¾ in Madras, and nearly 5 in the Mofussil. The whole debt of India, bearing interest in India and England, is about 105 millions, or little more than twice the revenue.—*Friend of India.*

COTTON CULTIVATION.

AT a conference at the Society of Arts on the subject of cotton, Mr. Cheetham lately stated that the yield in America was 300 lbs., and in India only 60 lbs. the acre. In the better parts of Central and Western India the yield is 80 lbs. an acre, and if we could reach the American level, India would export nearly all the cotton Europe wants from the same breadth of land which is now under cultivation. This is the result after which the Cotton Commissioners and officials are aiming. But there are three obstacles to the attainment of even 150 lbs. an acre—the physique of the Hindoo and the conditions of the climate, the ignorance of the cultivator, and the periodical raising of his land-tax. The first is irremediable, and the second is being slowly, too slowly, removed. To the third, that is to the concession of a perpetual settlement to the present proprietors with legislative safeguards against excessive sub-division, Manchester would direct all its energies if it were well informed.—*Friend of India.*

THE PROPOSED LINE TO DARJEELING.

THE Council of India has set itself against a railway to Darjeeling. The fact would be increditable if we did not know it to be only too well founded. There are some fifty thousand Englishmen, and their descendants in Calcutta and the plains of Bengal. Even *The Times* and Mr. Maine have urged that, if Darjeeling were within a night's journey of Calcutta, the question of the capital would for ever be satisfactorily settled. The Lieutenant Governor and the Government of India have pressed on the Secretary of State the construction of the line. Only two hundred miles, and that through one of the richest districts where roads must be made, are required to complete the railway from Kooshtea to the foot of Darjeeling. And yet the fifteen councillors who have lived to a green old age without hill sanitaria say "no." The European residents of Calcutta and Bengal should memorialise the Secretary of State on the subject, the moment the papers are published by Parliament.—*Friend of India.*

A SUICIDE IN THE 55TH REGIMENT.

THE *Lucknow Times* records a case of suicide in H. M.'s 55th Regiment at Chukrata. On Sunday, the 11th, a color sergeant of the regiment was seen taking out some rounds of ammunition, and on being asked what he was going to do, replied he was going to give it to some of the men. He went to a place somewhat lower down, and having loaded his rifle, took off his stocking, tied it to the trigger, and then to his foot, and placing the rifle to his head, deliberately blew out his brains; the bullet, travelling in the direction of another man, was very nearly hitting him also, but fortunately he escaped. The cause of this sad deed is not yet known.

A RUFFIANLY ACTION.

THE *Lucknow Times* reports a dastardly deed that occurred in the lines of the 62nd Regiment. Between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, two or three soldiers, supposed to belong to the above-named corps, approached the quarters of the regimental school-master, when one of them entered armed with a heavy stick, with which he at once proceeded to beat the school-master and his wife as they lay in bed, in the most cowardly and brutal manner. Alarmed by the cries of the victims, the quarter-master sergeant, and others living near, rushed into the school-master's rooms, but the ruffians had made their escape, leaving behind the stick and one or two other *souvenirs*. No motive can be assigned, except they meditated robbery. Some men of the 62nd Regiment have been arrested on suspicion.

AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

AN important discovery has just been made in Simla, which is likely to be a source of revenue to the Government. Mr. DeRussett, a photographer of that place, has hit upon a vein of the veritable meerschaum, from which the celebrated pipes are made. Specimens of the clay have been tested here and pronounced to be even superior to the description generally used in the manufacture of pipes, having this quality, that it will not fuse when exposed to heat as the meerschaum does, but rather increases in hardness. Further specimens have been sent to Calcutta to the Government geologist there, and some direct to England, so that we shall soon know whether the discovery made is really that which it is supposed to be. Should the clay vein discovered prove to be meerschaum, we have no doubt that other veins of the same material will be found in other parts of Jacko.—*Indian Volunteer Service Gazette.*

CHINESE CONSUMPTION OF OPIUM.

MR. D. B. ROBERTSON, C. B., our Consul at Canton, has sent a somewhat alarming report to the Government of India on the growth and consumption of native opium in China. The indigenous drug has been steadily improving in quality and quantity, till now it is equal to Malwa, though weaker in flavour. In Canton the opium-smo

THE BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A MEETING of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for making laws and regulations was held at Poona on Thursday last, the Right Hon. Sir W. R. S. V. Fitzgerald, G.C.S.I., presiding. The other members present were the Hon'ble S. Mansfield, C.S.I., the Hon. H. P. St. George Tucker, the Honorable Colonel Marriott, C.S.I., the Hon'ble Mungaldass Nuthoobhoy, the Honorable Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, and the Hon'ble Venayekrao Appasaheb of Koorundwar.

THE MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL.

THE Bill to empower the Corporation of the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay to raise a loan for temporary purposes was read a third time.

The Honorable Colonel Marriott observed that the title, as it now stood, "Bill to empower the Corporation of the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay to raise a loan for temporary purposes," was unsuitable. He proposed to amend the title and make it "Bill to secure the payment to Government of certain sums of money by the Corporation of the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay."

The title was then amended and agreed to accordingly. The Bill was then passed.

There was no other business before the Council.

This Bill has been so much changed during its passage through the Council that we now print it as passed :—

BILL No. 6 OF 1869.

A Bill to secure the payment to Government of certain sums of money by the Corporation of the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay :—

"Whereas the Government of India has agreed to advance the Corporation of the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay a sum of fifteen lakhs of rupees, and has in pursuance of such agreement already advanced a portion thereof; and whereas it is necessary to make certain provisions for the repayment of the same, and for further securing the annual payment due by the said Corporation to Government on certain other accounts; it is enacted as follows :—

"I. The whole of such loan of fifteen lakhs of rupees shall be repaid with interest at five per cent, within ten years from the 1st August 1869.

"II. To secure the repayment of such loan with interest as aforesaid, the Municipal Commissioner, on behalf of the said Justices, on the first day of every month after the passing of this Act until the whole of such loan be liquidated, shall pay into Her Majesty' Treasury or into the account Her Majesty's Treasury in any Bank as may now or hereafter be appointed to conduct the business of Her Majesty's Treasury in Bombay, the sum of rupees sixteen thousand; and notice of such payment having been made shall be forthwith published by the Municipal Commissioner in two English daily newspapers and one vernacular daily newspaper published in Bombay, and in the next *Government Gazette*.

"III. To secure the payment of the sums payable by the said Corporation to Government on account of the Vehar Water Works under Section VII. of the Bombay Municipal Act of 1865, the Municipal Commissioner, on behalf of the said Justices, on the first day of every month after the passing of this Act until the whole of the debt to Government in respect thereof be liquidated, shall pay to the account of Her Majesty's Treasury as aforesaid the sum of fourteen thousand and six hundred rupees; and notice of such payment having been made forthwith published by the Municipal Commissioner in two English daily newspapers and one vernacular newspaper published in Bombay, and in the next *Government Gazette*.

"IV. To secure the payment of the balance of the sum due by the said Corporation to Government on account of money advanced to the said Corporation for the purchase of land contained within the space known as "the Elphinstone Circle," the Municipal Commissioner, on behalf of the said Justices, on the first day of every month after the passing of this Act until the whole of such debt to Government be liquidated, shall pay to the account of Her Majesty's Treasury as aforesaid the sum of eleven thousand and six hundred rupees; and notice of such payment having been made shall be forthwith published by the Municipal Commissioner in two English daily newspapers, and one vernacular daily newspaper published in Bombay, and in the *Government Gazette*.

"V. If the Municipal Commissioner shall neglect to make any of the payments specified in this Act at the times mentioned, the Controller of Municipal Accounts shall within forty-eight hours report the fact to the Chief Secretary to Government, who shall have power to direct any Government officer to detain in his hands, out of the next following payment or payments then in arrear, any moneys due to or accruing for the benefit of the Corporation of the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay which he may then or thereafter have in his custody or control, and such officer shall be bound to detain the moneys as directed, and to pay the same into Her Majesty's Treasury or into any Bank as aforesaid.

"VI. The Municipal Commissioner shall in the month of January in each year publish an account showing the balances due by the Corporation of the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay, on the 31st December preceding, on the several accounts hereinbefore specified.

"VII. Nothing in this Act shall affect the rights or remedies which the Government of India have or shall have independently of this Act for the recovery of the said loan of 15 lakhs or any part thereof, or the remedies which independently of the Act exist for the recovery of the sum payable by the said Corporation to Government on account of the Vehar Water Works, or on account of the money advanced by Government to the Corporation for the purchase of land contained within the space known as the Elphinstone Circle."

GOOD ADVICE TO HINDOO REFORMERS.

(*Bombay Guardian.*)

SOME of those who gave their countenance in the recent case of widow remarriage, are severely tried just now by the action of the "orthodox" party in excommunicating them. They are casting about them for the means of defence, and are talking of getting the civil power to help them to fight their great battle. In our opinion there is but one way of getting a victory over the caste-league, and that is not to "fash" themselves in the least about their excommunication. It is serious or unimportant very much as they choose to regard it. So long as they shall seem by their procedure to attach much importance to the *diseasting* decrees, so long will they be strengthening the hands of their enemies. Let them treat the thing as a mere bagatelle, a foolish anachronism, and though they may for a while suffer some social inconveniences they will soon find that they have obtained a real triumph. In attending the late marriage they lifted up a banner with this decree, "No more blind obedience to the shastris." Let them keep this aloft and they will win the day.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF THE ELPHINSTONE PROPERTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I was about to write through your columns to warn the shareholders of the Elphinstone property against the above proposed sale, when I this morning read the letter of a "Shareholder" in your issue of 17th instant.

I quite agree with your correspondent, and am as much surprised as he is at the opinions expressed in the daily papers. Being one of those who purchased shares at a heavy premium, not for any immediate profit, but as a valuable investment for my family, there is nothing I should regret more than parting with them just as there is reason to expect that they will begin to pay year by year increasing dividends. With the Indian railways and Suez Canal so far towards completion our prosperity is just commencing, and I strongly recommend the shareholders who have already waited so patiently to wait a little longer and they will find that the value of their property will be more than doubled in a few years. More money will certainly be required, but this can be raised by the sale of forfeited shares.

After the able letter alluded to it is unnecessary for me to add more than to recommend those interested to think twice before they exchange for four per cent. paper property which will certainly pay fifteen or twenty per cent. and in time probably much more.—Yours, &c., ANOTHER SHAREHOLDER.

[Our correspondent, who writes from up-country, will see from to-day's paper that the shareholders have already decided the question]

CHOLERA IN MAZAGON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—During the greatest prevalence of cholera in the island of Bombay, Mazagon has almost invariably enjoyed an immunity from that scourge, and it may well be a question *now* as to how cholera should be found to make its appearance there when other localities, such as Kalbadavie, Girgaum, &c., are enjoying a comparative exemption. No less than four individuals are said to have been hurried to their graves within the last three days, and it remains to be seen how many are yet to be consigned there. The Christian portion of the village of Mazagon as a rule is remarkable for the cleanliness of houses, lanes, &c., and the municipal eye will rarely detect anything in their places which might be the cause of infectious disease: but it is a matter of doubt whether the olfactory nose of even a sanitary commissioner can at all times withstand the nauseous abominations which assail one in a lane or gully occupied by native inhabitants. It is deplorable to pass the Agiary Lane (Mazagon) of a morning and witness the offences committed against the simplest sanitary rules and against public decency—before the hours of visit of the Municipal inspector. Then again Belvidere Hill is, so to speak, the depot of the most execrable stench. I must mention that cholera, which is among us here, took root in Bunder Warra, which is situated at the foot of that hill. The cause of it I have no doubt is the unbearable stench from the eastern portion of the hill. It is therefore advisable that immediate steps be taken towards eradicating an evil which threatens much destruction.—Yours, &c.,

Mazagon, 24th July. LAF.

ELPHINSTONE LAND AND PRESS COMPANY.

THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL.

A MEETING of the shareholders of the Elphinstone Land and Press Company was held in the offices of the secretaries and treasurers (Messrs. W. Nicol & Co.) on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of receiving and considering the Government proposal to purchase the property of the company. There was a large attendance, and Mr. W. Nicol occupied the chair.

After the advertisement convening the meeting had been read,

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, this meeting has been called for the purpose of considering the offer which has been made by Government for the purchase of the Elphinstone Company's property. That offer has been before you for some days past, and the directors hoped to find themselves in a position to have published some further information respecting the proposed arrangement before this meeting, but the Government reply to their letter of the 12th instant came to hand only this morning. I will read the letter which was addressed by Colonel Kennedy to the secretaries and treasurers on the 12th :—

Bombay Castle, 12th July, 1869.

To the Secretaries and Treasurers Elphinstone Land and Press Company (Limited.)

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to propose to you, on behalf of Government, to purchase all the rights, interests, and estate of the Elphinstone Land and Press Company for a sum equal to the par value of the paid-up capital of the company, such value to be paid in four per cent. stock at the price of 93.

I am directed to add that under the instructions of the Government of India this offer is a final one, and to intimate that a special meeting of the shareholders of the company should be called to consider the above proposal at as early date as the articles of association of the company will allow.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. K. KENNEDY, Colonel R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

The directors then had a meeting and decided to send the following reply :—

Elphinstone Land and Press Co. (Limited.)

Bombay, 12th July 1869.

COLONEL KENNEDY, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

SIR,—We have the honour to acknowledge your letter of this day's date, in which you propose, on behalf of Government, to purchase all the rights, interests, and estate of the Elphinstone Land and Press Company for a sum equal to the par value of the paid-up capital of the company, such value to be paid in 4 per cent. paper at the price of 93.

Our directors desire us to state that, in addition to the paid-up capital of the company, other monies have been expended or liabilities incurred upon the reclamation, viz :—

1. A sum of 10 lacs of rupees advanced by Government in the year 1868, and interest thereon.
2. A sum of 2 lacs borrowed in the present year.
3. A sum of about Rs. 4,50,000 borrowed from revenue, and from which dividend for the year just closed has to be paid ; and
4. Any outstandings due for current work in excess of the capital now in hand.

We presume that Government will add these sums to the paid-up capital of the company in calculating the purchase money, and that all liabilities of the company will be taken over by Government.

We are also desired to call the attention of Government to the fact that no provision is made in the offer of Government for the expenses of liquidation. These expenses, including compensation to the secretaries and treasurers and to other officers of the company, should, we are instructed to submit, be paid by Government.

We are further directed to enquire whether Government will be prepared to issue 4 per cent. paper in exchange for share certificates immediately on the conclusion of the arrangement with Government, and whether interest will be payable thereon from 1st July 1869, the date on which the financial year of the company commences.

The directors will call a special general meeting of the shareholders for the 24th July instant, to consider the proposal of Government. As any resolutions passed at that meeting will require to be confirmed by a subsequent meeting in order to give it validity, the directors desire that a period of two months should be allowed them from this date in order to ascertain the views of shareholders resident in England, in regard to this proposal.

The directors will be ready to recommend the adoption of the Government proposal to the shareholders on receiving a satisfactory answer on the points above noted.—We have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servants,

(Signed) W. NICOL & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

In reply to that letter the directors, on the following day, received the following from Colonel Kennedy :—

Bombay Castle, 13th July 1869.

MESSRS. W. NICOL and Co., Secretaries and Treasurers, Elphinstone Land and Press Co. (Limited.)

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of yesterday's date in answer to mine of the same date, on the subject of the proposed transfer of the Elphinstone Company's estate to Government, I am directed to inform you that it has been thought necessary on full consideration to make a reference to the Government of India, and that you will receive a reply on the points you have raised as soon as possible.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

(Signed) M. K. KENNEDY, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No further communication was received from Government till last Wednesday, when a telegram was received, directing myself, the chairman, and the company's solicitor to go to Poona on the following day. I unfortunately could not go, but a member of my firm went, accompanied by Mr. Ormiston, and Mr. Rimington, the company's legal adviser. They had a conference with His Excellency and Colonel Kennedy yesterday, the result of which was that this letter was written and forwarded to us :—

To Messrs. NICOL & Co., Secretaries and Treasurers, Elphinstone Land Co., Bombay.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 12th July 1869, asking for information on certain points connected with the proposal of Government to the transfer of the Elphinstone Land and Press Company's estate.

In reply I am directed to state that the Government proposals are as follows :—

1. The company's property and rights to be transferred to Government free from all liabilities except so far as the latter may fall upon Government under the terms of the next para.
2. As regards the following liabilities of the company, viz., (1) a sum of 10 lacs of rupees advanced by Government in the year 1868, except the interest thereon ; (2) a sum of 2 lacs advanced by Messrs Sassoon in the present year ; (3) a sum of about Rs. 4,50,000 shown by the company's books to have been borrowed from revenue ; and (4) any outstandings due for current work, so much of these liabilities respectively as shall be shown by the company's books to have been actually expended on the company's works, shall, as regards the ten lacs due to Government, be cancelled, and as regards the liabilities numbered 2, 3, and 4, be treated as paid-up capital.
3. All works, plant, stores and other property of the company to become the property of Government from the date of completion of the transfer, or such other date as shall be agreed upon, from which date the interest upon the 4 per cent. paper in which the purchase money is to be paid shall run.
4. The purchase money to be a sum equal to the par value of the paid-up capital of the company, such value to be paid in 4 per cent. paper at the price of 93, as stated in Colonel Kennedy's letter dated 12th July 1869.
5. All existing contracts immediately connected with the company's works to be transferred to Government in such a manner as that all rights, powers and benefits thereunder respectively shall be vested in Government as fully and entirely as they are at present vested in the company.
6. With reference to the negotiations pending between the company and the British Indian Steam Navigation Company, Government make their present offer upon the basis that no agreement has been concluded between the companies extending further than to grant the British Indian Steam Navigation Company 5,000 square yards for 10 years, at a yearly rent of Rs. 9,000, with the privilege of landing their own coals and stores only free of wharfage fees, and that, should that arrangement made prove to be larger than this, the Government are to be entitled to reconsider the terms of their offer.

With regard to your enquiry with reference to the questions of liquidation and compensation, I am desired to say that Government are precluded from acceding to your proposals.

As regards your enquiry as to the issue of 4 per cent. paper for share certificates immediately on the conclusion of the arrangement between the Government and the company, it appears to His Excellency in Council that the simplest and most convenient course will be that the total sum to be paid by Government should be ascertained, and that that amount should be paid in 4 per cent. paper to the liquidators of the company on the the completion of the transfer.

In reply to your last suggestion that a period of two months should be allowed in order that the views of the shareholders resident in England in regard to the proposals of Government should be ascertained, I am to reply that the instructions of the Government of India make it imperative that no delay beyond such as may be legally necessary should take place in the conclusion of this negotiation.

As regards some other points referred to in the conference of this morning, His Excellency in Council will give a definite reply when the facts connected with them are more fully before him.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your most obedient servant,

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Secretary to Government.

Gunnesh Khind, near Poona, 23rd July 1869.

You will observe therefore, gentlemen, that Government concede several of the points or requirements which were put forward in the directors' letter. They, however, distinctly refuse to pay the liquidation expenses or compensation charges, which of course, if this sale is carried through, must now be borne by the shareholders. The matters left unsettled, of which mention is made in the last para, are certain liabilities as to leases agreed to be given to the company or granted by them, regarding which no decision could be come to yesterday, all the papers not being at hand. The directors are advised that no resolution binding upon the company can be passed at this [illegible] formed that the proposal of Government to purchase the property must be carried out [illegible]ding-up of the company, including the [illegible]morandum of association and benefits thereunder respectively shall be vested in Government as fully and entirely as they are at present vested in the company.

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Mr. Rimington—The chairman has asked me to explain to the meeting the position of the present meeting and as to the further meeting to which he has referred. This meeting was convened on the 14th July, the advertisement having been prepared on the previous day, the 13th, and when that was prepared, the negotiations with Government had not proceeded further than the first letter from Colonel Kennedy, and it was notdeemed advisable by myself and counsel to frame the advertisement in such a way as would enable this meeting to pass any resolutions in the matter which would be legally binding. The correctness of that opinion has been confirmed by the fact that, though we are now arrived at the 24th July, the terms have not been completed. The Government are aware of that fact, but, as Mr. Nicol has already told you, they require that an expression of opinion should be given by the shareholders to-day. Unfortunately it may be that many of the shareholders of the company have been misled by a statement in the papers this morning that the only business of this meeting to-day would be the adjournment of it. By the receipt of the Government letter, however, the directors are in a position to do more than that, and Government require that they should do more than that. I am therefore of opinion that whatever views may be expressed by the shareholders here to-day, inasmuch as we may assume they are not all present, it will be necessary to issue an advertisement convening the next meeting for the 5th August.

Mr. Tapidass Vurjdass then moved the following resolution :—

"In the opinion of this meeting the terms of the negotiation, as far as the same has proceeded, offered by Government for the purchase of the property of this company are advantageous to the interests of the shareholders, and that a meeting of the shareholders should forthwith be convened for formally considering the same and passing such resolutions thereon as may appear proper and as may be binding in law."

Mr. Bhugwandass Purshotumdass seconded the motion.

The Chairman remarked that this resolution was merely an expression of opinion.

Dr. Dallas said—Before you put that resolution to the vote, I wish as a shareholder to offer a few remarks. I say in the first place I don't think it is fair to the company to ask the shareholders to pass an opinion upon an imperfect offer. To enable the shareholders to arrive at an opinion on the proposal by Government, they should in the first place have that proposal fully before them, and they should also know what the value of the Government proposal is. Now, I understand that the proposal of the Government is imperfect in this respect—in fact Mr. Rimington has admitted it—that some matters as to leases are imperfect. I did not follow the chairman in what he said, but I understand that the proposal of the Government is not complete. There are still some questions, besides those mentioned, to settle between the Government and the company. These, no doubt, will affect the value of the offer, and I don't think it is fair to the company for Government to call on the shareholders to express an opinion in favour of what I must say is an unsettled proposition. Thus, I consider that to enable the shareholders generally to pass an opinion upon this offer, there are two things to consider—first, the value of the Government offer, and next, the value of what the Government are about to take if that offer be agreed to. Now, as to the first, I think it is necessary that the shareholders should know what is the amount of compensation they would have to pay under the terms so far as they have been settled. Until the shareholders know that it is impossible for them with any propriety to express an opinion, or to be asked to express an opinion, with regard to this proposal. As to the second point, the shareholders are aware that the annual meeting of this company is almost due. The accounts of the company are made up to the 30th June, and the last meeting of the company was held a very short period from this date a year ago—on the 26th August, I believe—and upon this part of the question I think it is most incumbent on those who represent the company, on the secretaries and treasurers and directors, to give the shareholders the fullest possible information as to the value of their property, and I say cannot be properly done until the annual accounts up to the 30th June have been circulated in the usual way and a meeting called to consider these. I must say that personally I am indebted to the courtesy of the secretaries and treasurers, who have very kindly answered any queries I chose to send to them to enable me to form an opinion. But I here speak not merely on behalf of myself, but on behalf of a great number of shareholders who have no opportunity of being represented here—who are in the country—and in particular I speak on behalf of that class of shareholders who have purchased shares, not as a speculation, but as an investment—who have purchased shares relying on the high character of those gentlemen who have hitherto represented the interests of the company—persons who purchased not for a rise, but in the hope of securing an investment for themselves and families ; and therefore I say in their interest in particular it is the duty of the secretaries and treasurers with all respect to them I say so—before they ask the shareholders to pronounce an opinion on the subject, to give the fullest information in their power as to the actual value of the company, and I say that cannot be done unless the accounts of the working of it and the amount of reclamation and the cost of it, just as it was stated in the previous reports, be submitted for consideration. I think the affording this information will be only fair to those—fortunately I am not in that position, but many people in this room—who have put by enormous sums for their shares, and not as a matter of speculation, but in the hope that they would turn out a good investment ; and I say there can be no doubt we are not in a position now to pronounce an opinion on the value of this offer because it is deficient in the two particulars I have mentioned—first, we don't know the exact amount in money the Government offer comes to, and, next, we don't know precisely the value of our property. Personally, so far as I have been enabled to judge by the figures placed before me, I am entirely opposed to the sale. (Hear, hear.) It may not be necessary for me in the present position of affairs, and without the accounts before us, to say why I think so, but, considering that the secretaries have been enabled to put this company through the worst possible years that have ever happened in Bombay—I suppose we shall never meet anything like them again, I hope not—considering they have had the courage and the manliness to drag the company through to the point of completion, I say for myself I think the shareholders ought to consider it well and insist on getting better terms from Government. By the last report of Mr. Ormiston he tells the shareholders that they have a valuable property, a property equal in extent to the area comprised within the ramparts of the city of Bombay—that is a property equal in extent to the Fort of Bombay—and it now appears if we look to the reclamations which were not completed last year, we have now in round numbers about 138 acres, and there is now wanted only about 20 acres to block out the whole land of the company. I give you Mr. Ormiston's own words. Therefore my opinion is opposed to this sale. Then, again, another fact, for the knowledge of which I am indebted to the secretaries and treasurers, is that the revenue is considerably increased—it is about Rs. 70,000 or Rs. 80,000 more than it was last year. Then another fact now exists to which Mr. Ormiston looked forward as tending considerably to increase the value of the property—you have the overbridges, which must add enormously to the income to the company. That is the opinion I have arrived at on the matter. Of course it is liable to be mistaken, but I am convinced of it. And there is only one other point to consider. Look at the future there is before you. The Messageries Imperiales are about to start a line of steamers from Suez to Bombay, and the Austrian Line from Trieste to Alexandria, and from Suez to Bombay ; and then we will have railways completed in a few years, and Bombay will be connected with the trade of the whole of the country. All the trade of India, except that of the valley of the Ganges and the Assam hills, must come to our harbour, and seeing that you have struggled for so many years with so much credit to our secretaries and treasurers, just when the cup is at your lips, it is a pity to let the Government come in and snatch it from you. With regard to the Government threat—well, perhaps, that is a hard word and I don't use it—but with regard to the Government statement that if you don't this and that within a certain number of days the offer will be withdrawn—treat that as so much wind. Do you think the Government of Bombay have made this offer out of favour to the shareholders or out of favour to the secretaries ? Certainly not. They make the offer because they believe it to be an eligible and proper investment for Government ; and don't you hesitate to consider the matter—don't you be afraid to take the most ample time to consider the matter. If the Government offer is accepted they will have made a most admirable bargain, but I maintain that the shareholders ought to take the most ample time to consider it and have the fullest and most ample information so as to enable them to arrive at a proper decision. (Applause.)

Mr. William Gilmour Hall—Dr. Dallas has very ably stated his views as to the future of Bombay, and the value of this property. I do not think that it is necessary for me to express any opinion on the subject, but I think Dr. Dallas has not quite appreciated the position in which the directors and the secretaries and treasurers are placed. That position is simply this—Government has made this offer on certain conditions ; they have stated as an ultimatum that the necessary resolutions for winding-up the company must be carried through as soon as they legally can be carried through ; and they have stated that, unless that is done, the Government of India may withdraw its offer. I know when I met His Excellency yesterday he stated to me that this offer was the ultimatum of the Government of India, and he at the same time said he was very desirous of having an informal expression of opinion of the shareholders as to the terms contained in Government's letter. The last paragraph in this letter, as Dr. Dallas has pointed out, states that there are still some points unsettled, but we don't believe these points to be very serious, and my impression is that these matters will all adjust themselves as the directors desire they should adjust themselves. If we refuse to proceed with the consideration of the Government's terms and wait till the accounts of the company are made up for the year, we simply place ourselves in this position, that the Government is at liberty to withdraw its offer. I believe myself that a very large number of shareholders would not be satisfied if we placed ourselves in such a position that the Government of India might withdraw its offer at any moment ; and, though the solicitor to the company has told you, and the directors are conscious, that nothing of a formal nature can be passed to-day, still this meeting has afforded an opportunity of ventilating the subject, and I for one rejoice greatly to have an expression of Dr. Dallas' views ; but it must be clearly understood that if we refuse to act upon this offer, Government has the power of closing the negotiation. It is not for me to say what might follow if that were done ; it is not for me either to say how, if we refuse, the interests of the company would be affected. That is a matter which the shareholders must consider. But I do think that, before the meeting to be called the week after next, some approximate statement of the work done during the year should be given—or possibly Mr. Ormiston may now be able to give some information and assist you in forming a judgment as to the reclamation of the past year. But I hope the shareholders will understand the precise position in which we now stand with Government—that it is one of the terms of Government that they are to be in a position to withdraw from this offer, unless we take the necessary steps, should it be decided to accept it, to carry it through as quickly as possible.

Mr. T. Ormiston—At the request of Mr. Hall I shall inform the shareholders of what has been done during the past year. There were in all 41 acres of land reclaimed, of which 3 acres were for Government, and which completed the whole of the Government work, leaving the company 38 acres better than it was in the previous year. There have been three miles of roads and a mile and a half of drains constructed, and also sixty godowns erected. The capital expended on the works last year was 18 lakhs. It is not in my department, but I believe the revenue has been 7 lakhs. (A Voice—Gross ?) Yes, I believe so. Is not that so, Mr. Manson ?

Mr. J. Manson said it was a few thousands over that amount.

Mr. Ormiston—And the capital expended for the next five years, if the works go on, will require to be at the rate of at least 20 lakhs a year. If there is any other information which I can give I shall be glad to do so. When the works are quite finished there is no doubt the value of the property will take a very sudden jump—when the large basins are made for large shipping. Till then it will possibly not be anything great.

Mr. W. Martin Wood—The last remark which Mr. Ormiston has made refers to the very matter which the shareholders want to know about, so as to unable them to come to a reasonable judgment in such a short space of time. It is not so much a question of what has been done during last year, though that is interesting to hear ; but what the shareholders want to know, if they possibly can, is what the alternative before them will be in case of their declining this offer. Mr. Ormiston had put it very concisely that we have to spend 20 lakhs a year. I was going to put the question in another form and ask how much it would require before the basins and wharves were in such a position that European ships could be brought into the basins and moored alongside. If the work were advanced to that point, they would be in such a position that the shareholders certainly would have no occasion to think of any offer of this kind. If it comes to the question of expending a crore of rupees, I suppose the shareholders are not prepared to look at that prospect, but if, as I think, judging from the former reports of Mr. Ormiston, a very much smaller sum of money would bring the works within the reach of European shipping and the general use of the port, to say nothing of the advantages which Dr. Dallas has very properly referred to, and which may come in the course of a few years, I think it is a stage which the shareholders might fairly hope to be able to reach in some time or other. It is going into a very large subject, but at the same time it is part of the question, and I was going to ask if the directors would kindly give an explanation. In the report of last year they said that certain negotiations were going on for their raising money by means of advances through the Secretary of State, just in the same way as railway companies had done. They stated that the terms offered were such that they could not recommend the shareholders to accept them. I think if they had explained what these terms were, we should have been able to form some idea as to whether that course was still open to the company. I do not think it is necessary that the shareholders should be blocked up simply to two courses, although Mr. Hall and Mr. Rimington have stated very distinctly our position with Government. The shareholders I suppose may decline to express an opinion at this meeting. Government will then be free to go back ; but I do not think we should lose our self possession. After the times we have gone through, I think it would be a great pity to throw away our opportunity now for want of looking round and considering.

Mr. Rimington—As to the question to inform Mr. Wood and others that I do not think it is possible to complete the works in less time than five years. There is a very large amount of dredging and excavation required, and two miles of walls to raise 40 feet high, nearly as high from the ground as we are now, so that I do not anticipate that European shipping will be able to lie alongside till that time, or by the expenditure of a less sum than a million sterling. I happen to know something of the negotiations which were on with the Secretary of State, to which Mr. Wood referred, and my impression is that the reason why they were stopped was that the Government would only lend us the money for three years, and would not allow us to divide more than 7 per cent. upon our dock estate at any time, and took a very large control over the property. They were such terms as would have been very disadvantageous for the company to accept.

Mr. Wood—The terms I believe were different and altogether more stringent than those granted to railway companies.

Mr. Ormiston—Yes, entirely different. Government do not acknowledge our right to be placed on the same footing as railway companies, although in justice our company must be considered as part of the transport service of the country. They simply say they will give so much for the property, and if you don't like to accept it you can let it alone.

Dr. Dallas (to Mr. Ormiston)—When you say it will take five years, I presume you allude to the graving dock.

Mr. Ormiston—I allude to the basins.

Dr. Dallas—Well, docks ; what you would call graving docks,

Mr. Ormiston—No, I mean large basins.

Dr. Dallas—Well, Mr. Ormiston says in his last report :—"147 acres are already reclaimed, and seventy-eight acres are to reclaim ; but as the graving dock estate is not pressing, and a strip of about sixty feet wide must be left for the construction of the permanent walls, there now remains only fifty-eight acres to block out the whole estate, an area which may easily be done during this and the following season."

Mr. Ormiston—The plan was not very correct, and is not yet very correct. The property is rather larger than we expected—so much the better for those who have it ; but there are 30 acres to do next year, which we can easily accomplish. The graving dock estate is a very small part of that property, just about five acres, which lie to the north end of the property near the P. & O. Company's old dock. Of course it has nothing to do with the development of the large property. After next year it would take another year to lay out roads and drains on the land estate, and after that comes the reclamation of the dock estate proper, the two miles of walls I have told you of, and the dredging. The construction of two miles of walls of that size is a large work, and I do not think it would be possible to do it in less time than that I have mentioned. I have never anticipated getting home from the work sooner than in five years.

Dr. Dallas—Well, the five years is required principally with regard to the docks. But in the last paragraph in Mr. Ormiston's report, he says that the land of the company "already extend to an area almost as large as the Fort within the old ramparts ; and I think it must be plain that such a property, situated between the landing wharf and the business part of the town, cannot fail to be a valuable estate, the full value of which cannot be estimated till the overbridges are completed and the existing wharfs out off from the native town, which another year will do." According to this report all that was required for rendering this estate valuable was another year.

Mr. Ormiston here exhibited a plan of the estate, showing the position of the works at the present time, on which the part already finished was coloured purple, and what would certainly be done next year was coloured red. The strong red lines showed the lines of basins and walls which would require to be completed before the dredging was carried out. These walls, he said, would be a very heavy work, being 40 feet high, and would require coffer dams and so on. He had no doubt, as far as he could judge, that this work would take at least five years to complete. The work could not be pushed forward. He thought it much better that the shareholders should know the worst and the best of it. The work might be done a little sooner than five years, but it was his impression that it would not.

Dr. Dallas—I do not know whether any one will second my resolution. If any one would second it I would propose a resolution to this effect—That any consideration of the Government proposal be deferred till the annual general meeting of this company and be submitted to the shareholders along with the annual report.

Mr. Rimington—I feel bound, before that question is more formally put by Dr. Dallas, to state, merely as to the legal position of the question, that it is the decision of the Supreme Government that if any delay take place in the consideration of this question the negotiation will immediately be at an end. What the effect of that would be it is not for me to consider or discuss in any way, but one of the last words which His Excellency the Governor was pleased to say to me yesterday was that if any proposal were put before the meeting, the effect of which would be to defer consideration of this question, the negotiation would be at an end, and these were the orders of the Supreme Government.

This speech of Mr. Rimington was explained in the vernacular for the benefit of the natives present who did not understand English.

Mr. Kessowjee Naik then in the vernacular urged the shareholders to accept the offer of Government.

Mr. Peter Adams then said—As my fellow director, Mr. Kessowjee Naik, has, as I understand, recommended the shareholders to accept this proposal, I feel called upon to express my dissent from his views on that particular, and almost entirely to endorse those of Dr. Dallas, and to add something in addition to what Dr. Dallas has said to induce the shareholders to pause before accepting the proposal of Government. There is every reason to believe the Suez Canal will be open for traffic at no distant date. The steamers which will run through will be of very light draught of water, and as we have reason to believe will be in great numbers, and these basins, which Mr. Ormiston has recommended, will enable such steamers to go in at low water spring tides, and it seems to me that when we have this canal, with the overbridges, and the connection of Bombay with Calcutta and the North-West Provinces nearly completed, the prospects of the Elphinstone Company are to my mind so grand that the shareholders should consider whether it is worth while for the sake of a hundred or two rupees per share to give up this property, which I am of opinion will become enormously valuable. (Applause.) I have little or nothing more to say. Dr. Dallas has so well expressed my views that I think it is unnecessary for me to detain you by following up what he has said. But I must say it seems to me the Government is forcing forward this matter with indecent haste. (Hear, hear.) I myself, a director of the company, have only seen this letter within the last two hours, and I am asked to come and recommend the shareholders to accept a proposition over which I have not slept. It seems to me that this is simply preposterous. What the intention of Government may be we can only guess, but it seems to me that Government are pushing forward so strongly that consideration of it cannot be entertained. There may be a possibility of opposition from the shareholders in England or those who have put their money in this company as an investment, looking not to a rise of Rs. 200, but to a good income for themselves and families, and Government by pushing this proposal and shoving this thing down our throats, are simply preventing anything like an opposition being got up. (Applause.)

Mr. Ahmedbhoy Hubbibhoy said that if the shareholders did not accept this offer at present they would have a competition by Government in the neighbourhood of their property—viz., in Moody Bay and at Malet Bunder, and the company would thus be deprived of income. At present they could only get an income of 3 per cent., and they were spending much money, and for six or eight years they would have very little income. The offer of Government was certainly too little ; Government was hard against the company ; but looking at all the circumstances, he thought it advisable that they should accept the offer made.

Dr. Dallas here handed in his amendment in writing as follows :—

"That in the opinion of this meeting the consideration of the Government proposal be postponed until its entire details be complete, and such information as can be had as to the exact position of the company, be submitted to the shareholders."

Mr. Rimington—Before the resolution which Dr. D

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THE NONCONFORMISTS AND THE LORDS' AMENDMENTS.

(*The Times*, July 3.)

YESTERDAY a large representative meeting of the various Nonconforming bodies was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, to take into consideration the amendments moved by the Lords on the Irish Church Bill. The meeting was called by Mr. J. Carvell Williams on the part of the Liberation Society, and by Mr. Charles Shepheard on the part of the Dissenting Deputies, those associations "considering it to desirable that the Protestant Nonconformists of the metropolis should express their decisive condemnation of any attempt to contravene the principles on which the Government Bill is based." Mr. Reed, M.P., occupied the chair, and among those present were the Rev. Dr. Raleigh, Dr. Brock, Mr. S. Cortauld, Rev. C. Stovel, Rev. Dr. Houghton, Rev. Dr. Mullins, Mr. Joseph Cooper, Rev. H. Allon, Rev. Dr. Edmond, Rev. J. G. Rogers, Mr. Carvell Williams, Rev. Dr. Hoole, Rev. L. Wiseman, Mr. W. Edwards, Mr. H. Spicer, jun., Mr. C. Shepheard, Dr. Under-hill, Rev. P. W. Clayden, Mr. J. Glover, Mr. Mason Jones, Rev. W. Farrer, LL. B., Dr. Lankester, Rev. S. M'All, Rev. T. Penrose, &c.

The Chairman said this meeting was of delegates representing all bodies of Nonconformist communities, who had assembled to consider what steps should be taken in face of the amendments of the House of Lords which went to destroy the principles of the Bill. The condition of the Bill when it was sent to the House of Lords was such as to show that the House of Commons had faithfully interpreted the voice of the country in saying by the Bill that the House declined to confer any kind of endowment whatever upon any religious community when the Irish Church had been deprived of the funds (hear), and it was due to the Roman Catholic party to say that when the Bill was in the House of Commons they objected to any suggestion made to favour their body by endowments in any shape. It was not long ago that he was twitted for saying that he feared the fatal proclivities of the Russells and the Greys more than the antagonism of Mr. Disraeli or Lord Cairns; but in his fear he had been justified, and he was humiliated to think that they lay peers who were striving to bribe the denominations of Ireland by the offer of concurrent endowment were sustained by the Primate of the English Church and by the Bishops of Oxford and St. David's. They declared that the moral influence of the Roman Catholic clergy needed raising, and it was believed that a majority of the House of Lords would adopt that mischievous policy. The Church of England ever declared that its most formidable antagonist was the Church of Rome, and yet the leading bishops of the Church of the Reformation were prepared, unasked even, to subsidize out of the surplus claimed by them as sacred to Protestant uses, what they were pleased to call the "domineering Church of Rome." For himself, as a Protestant, he felt it to be an insult that the Church of England, by its representatives, should have taken the position of proffering to endow the Church of Rome, thus giving the truth over for the sake of keeping something for itself. The Dessenters, he believed, would repudiate this; they would reject any, even the slightest, approach to concurrent endowment, and would support the Government in whatever steps it took in maintaining the principles of the Bill. (Cheers.)

Mr. Carvell Williams read a report on the amendments contrasting the effect each would have as against the clauses to which they were proposed.

The Rev. Henry Allon, of Islington, proposed the first resolution:—

"That, believing that the Bill for the disestablishment and disendowment of the Irish Church now before Parliament, is substantially in harmony with the resolutions of the House of Commons last Session, and with the wishes of the country, as emphatically expressed at the general election, and that it has received the sanction of the great majority of the nation, this meeting regards with great concern the attempt now being made in the Upper House of Parliament to make such changes in the measures as will frustrate, in the most important respects the purpose of its framers, and will subvert the principles which have been deliberately adopted by the constituencies, as the only basis on which a settlement of the question can be satisfactorily effected." He said it was with no "dog in the manger" feeling that the Nonconformists of England protested against the endowments being continued in this Bill, even though the Nonconformists had refused to listen to the voices which had told them they could obtain endowment of some kind. They felt that the Church should be free. This principle of concurrent endowment, which the bishops were anxious to introduce, had not worked so well abroad that we should want to have it here, for as sure as this seed was sown so sure would there be a plentiful crop of religious contentions. (Hear.) The Dissenters of all denominations must take a very firm stand on this, for if the Roman Catholics and the Presbyterians were endowed, all other religious communities whatever would have a right to endowment, even the Mormos (hear), and the principle of a Free Church would be almost lost. Much as Lord Russell had done for the Dissenters, it must be said it was mournful he should have taken the course he had, and the Dissenters must waive their gratitude to him for his past services, and protest against his present action. Then the House of Lords, for its own sake, must take care of the course it followed. It must remember that it was not above danger, and for the House of Commons to retreat from the position and from the principle of the Bill would be an act of political suicide. (Cheers.) Mr. Gladstone (cheers) must be supported, and he would expect the support of those who gave him support before. (Hear.) Let, then, the Nonconformists be firm as the rocks in resisting these amendments, which destroyed the principle for which the country secured the Liberal majority.

The Rev. William Brock seconded the motion, and said that when he first read the Bill he "thanked God and took courage," and he thought it the wisest Bill that had ever been framed. He proceeded to notice the proceedings in the House of Lords on the Bill, and speaking of what had been said by the Archbishop of Canterbury, he said the Primate's speech was the most extraordinary statement he had ever heard. Then as to the Bishop of Oxford, who was equal to most things (a laugh), and who was now equal to saying that one might give a man glebe land, a house, and its furniture and appointments, and that the man was not being endowed in having these given him. (A laugh.) As to the Presbyterians and other denominations having a right to endowments, why the denominations in this country had a right to endowments; but they would stand by Mr. Gladstone and say, "Equal ascendency for all, equality for all, but endowments for none."

The Rev. John Kennedy and the Rev. Mr. Stovel supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Pocock proposed,—

"That the meeting strongly deprecates all proposals which have in view not the equitable satisfaction of existing personal interests, but the re-endowment of the Disestablished Church. That it objects to them the more strongly because they necessitate corresponding concessions to the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian bodies—concessions which aim at establishing equality by means, not of impartial disendowment, but of the pernicious policy of indiscriminate endowment. That the adoption of such suggestions by the Legislature would, in the judgment of this meeting, have the effect of prolonging the controversy which the Bill was intended to close, and would inevitably lead to results fraught with evil, not to Ireland alone, but to the interests of the entire kingdom."

He said that he was not a representative man, but he gladly came forth to raise his voice for the principle of disendowment which had been so successfully carried in the House of Commons. The principle of a free Church was the right principle, and he was in departing from that principle that the Church fell into the trouble which had followed her until now. The English Church was paid to be controlled, and she was controlled by the State. He held that it was the duty of the Dissenters to press on the attention of their representatives in Parliament that opinions had not altered, and that in its altered form it should never be passed into law. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Edmond said when he received the invitation to attend this meeting he felt something like what a Hebrew volunteer of past ages must have felt when, having valiantly fought the battles of his King, and routed the Philistines, he returned home, and had no sooner set aside his armour so that he might rest when he heard the trumpet give the alarm, and, turning out, he found an "elderly party" turning out from Gaza. (Laughter.) He had thought that the arguments in the House of Commons, all that had been stated in the Press, the compact majority which followed Mr. Gladstone, and the opinion of the people, obvious enough to all, notwithstanding the shameful abuse lavished on the Premier, and won the battle. But it appeared the House of Lords wanted to fight it again, and for his part he was quite ready for the fight. (Cheers.) They should have the Bill again by the verdict of the people and it would be seen that the people had not changed, for the Bill would go back, perhaps, more stringent than it was when it left the House of Commons. (Cheers.) The Nonconformists would stand shoulder to shoulder together, and prove that the people of England were faithful to their principles. He proceeded to lament the hankering of the Dissenters in Ireland after the fleshpots of Egypt, and said that the Scotch Presbyterians entirely repudiated the action of those Presbyterians in the north of Ireland. He criticised the statement of the Archbishop of Canterbury as to the mischievousness of a free Church, and then said all true men would stand up for the Bill, which would give free scope for the energy of a liberated Church. He ridiculed the idea of the Irish Church becoming the bulwark of Protestantism, and asked how the head of the Church could maintain that now they had offered to share with Romanists. He urged a most earnest support of M. Gladstone, and concluded amid loud cheers.

The Rev. Mr. Chadon supported the motion, and said it must be understood that the meeting objected as much to the proposal to endow the Presbyterians as the Roman Catholics. (A Voice—"Rather more.") He called upon the Dissenters to be firm, and see that their members of Parliament did their duty in supporting the Government. (Hear.)

The resolution was then carried.

Mr. Joseph Cooper proposed the following motion:—

"That having regard not merely to the proposed amendments, but to the opinions expressed by influential peers in favour of the principle of concurrent endowment, this meeting deems it to be of the utmost importance that Her Majesty's Ministers and the Liberal party in the House of Commons should be assured of the earnest desire of those who have hitherto supported the Bill that it should not pass in a form which would disappoint their just expectations, and that Nonconformists should adopt immediate measures for giving expression to their sentiments, and for bringing them to bear with effect upon the Legislature."

This was seconded by Dr. Hoppus, and carried unanimously, as were the others. Several suggestions were then made as to the next step to be taken, and it was replied that organizations were going on, and the executive committee were not idle. It was agreed that it was not advisable to petition the House of Lords.

Thanks were voted to Mr. Reed for presiding, and to Mr. Edward Williams for taking the hon. member's place when his duty called him away.

SOCIAL DIPLOMACY.

DIPLOMACY is surely making rapid strides. Two youths, very young indeed, but aspiring, no doubt, to some high diplomatic mission, are speaking to each other in a crowded ball-room. "Oh, look at that old man, what a ridiculous head he has got," says one. "I beg pardon," replies the other, "it happens to be my father." In the mind of a budding diplomatist such a disclosure could create no confusion. Ready with his answer, he coolly remarked:—"Indeed, that is your most respected father. Well, could you but see mine—it is quite another affair—he is twenty times more ridiculous." The two young men laughed and shook hands. They understood each other. Who will say that the world is not advancing, and that the march of intellect is not undoubted? The thing to be doubted is whether with the march of intellect there may not at the same time be a degeneration of heart.—*Daily News.*

A BANKRUPT LORD.

WEDDING presents will probably remain in fashion as long as marriage, and we are not surprised that Lord Arthur Pelham Clinton should have required a set of gifts for a bride and her friends on the approach of his marriage, although £4,000 seems a very respectable sum even for the second son of a Duke to pay for trinkets. Altogether the bankruptcy of this nobleman is instructive. He has broken down from "insufficiency of income" after owing £34,134, out of which his creditors will receive possibly a dividend of small change by annual distribution. "Buno Ciro," known as the Fire King ("address unknown") is returned as a creditor for £1,400. Is a Fire King part of a nobleman's equipage? What did Buno Ciro do for £1,400? Swallow live coals for the amusement of his lordship? In a statement before the court we find how simple a thing it is under the present law to support a plea of insufficient income by candid admissions. Referring to his jewel debts Lord Clinton says, "A diamond star and other articles—the particulars of which I cannot remember—I gave to various friends." It is no doubt a graceful thing in high life to scatter diamond stars and "other articles" amongst your acquaintances, but the profusion does not appear in so elegant a light when it afterwards turns out that the decorations have not been paid for. However, "the various friends" will not be much troubled with sentimental reflections of this sort; sympathy with either the tradesmen or the spendthrift is not in vogue amongst them.—*Daily News.*

DUELS.

ST. SIMON alleges, as a proof of the absolute power of Louis XIV., that for a period of ten years his edicts against duelling were scrupulously respected in France. Even the Grand Monarque could do no more than this, and no other French sovereign has been able to effect as much. The spirit of chivalry, as illustrated by a propensity to settle differences by the "Jugement de Dieu" (as single combat was termed in the Middle Ages) survives to the present day. The spring which has just terminated has witnessed in Paris no less than a dozen duels. This is perhaps an unsatisfactory total, if judged by the standard of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when during the reign of Henry Quatre alone 3,000 gentlemen are computed to have been slain in these encounters; but the halcyon days of chivalry are past, and we have perhaps no right to expect more in these degenerate times. It appears that the gentlemen of the French press are the principal patrons of this national sport; sometimes an outsider is dragged into these little family affairs, but the quarrel generally originates in a personal attack by a newspaper writer. Happily, fatal results are very rare, the seconds most laudably endeavouring to diminish, as far as in them lies, the perils which environ the man who meddles with cold steel or fire-arms; while the combatants themselves seldom appear to desire the "death of the sinner." One gentleman, it is true, recently lodged a bullet in the hip of one of his fellow-journalists, but in most cases the sword is used, and "l'honneur est satisfait" as soon as a hand has been scratched or a shoulder pricked. This system is not quite in accordance with the line of conduct which Polonius recommended to his son, but as long as the absurd practice of duelling is in vogue it is well that it should be conducted on philanthropical principles, and that we should hear no more of people fighting across a table, like Charles Lever's Irishmen, of hacking each other to pieces like those ferocious gladiators, the mignons or Henri Trois.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

MORE "FASHIONABLE" INSOLVENCIES.

THE money epidemic seems to be clearing London society as twenty years ago the potato disease swept away the population of Ireland. Just as the East and its speculators are beginning to fancy that they see the dawn of a calm day, a storm, growing rapidly to the dimensions of a hurricane, has burst upon the astonished West. It is now a matter of public notoriety that a well known and popular Earl has added one more to the tale of aristocratic failures, and that the House of Westmorland is as the Houses of Hastings, Hamilton, and Newcastle; while Rumour, standing at the doors of the great emporiums of gossip, the Clubs, points with cynical pity to a well-known Baronet who is a sportsman as the Irishman was a tailor by right of primogeniture, as coming up hand over hand to take the same jump that has landed already four nobles in a bottomless bog. By his side, too, are riding, as the Black Horsemen rode by the side of the reckless Huntsman in the German legend, the same forms that were alongside Hastings, Hamilton, and Newcastle when they ran their fatal course; the great supporters of the Spirit of Gambling, the money dealers of the West. What is to be the end of the fashionable crisis?...

What effect will these events have on the Turf, and what has now, unhappily, become the soul of the Turf—the Ring? If that Evil Spirit could be expelled without shaking the body to pieces, and if when the house is swept and garnished, there could be found strong men with force sufficient to keep others even worse from entering in and taking up their abode there, these unfortunate and unwise gentlemen will have done more good in their dark fall than in the days of their bright prosperity. The Ring, it may be presumed, whether it goes with a crash or dwindles away from wants of sustenance, will be eliminated from the racing system. The professional class will be in the position of creditors under the Attorney-General's Bankruptcy and Imprisonment for Debt Bills. They will compulsorily cease to be book-makers, because there will be no material to make them. Without plungers there can be no large clique or letters of odd, at least not on the fortune-making scale, just as there can be no creditors if there are no people who will consent to be debtors; and it may be presumed that the professionals of the Ring will hardly turn round and prey upon each other to satisfy an irrepressible instinct. When this change has taken place we may possibly see the old character of racing restored as it existed when Lord Derby, Lord Exeter, Lord Glasgow, Lord Palmerston, and General Peel were its leading patrons, and when men of wealth and position did not shrink from running horses in their own names; but if not, we indulge a hope that we shall not much longer see the names of noble gentlemen bandied about like shuttlecocks in discreditable contests in courts of law, which drag into the strife even their wives and their mothers.—*Daily News.*

A FRENCH STORY OF AN ENGLISHMAN.

THE French delight to relate stories of English eccentricity. Few things tickle them more; and one such anecdote is just now reported, on the authority of M. Garnier-Pages. A French journalist has been paying visits to the chiefs of the Opposition, and has been describing them in their homes, to the admiring magimations of their followers. Thus we have had a sketch of M. Thiers in his house; another of M. Jules Favre; and now we have one of M. Garnier-Pages, enlivened with fragments of his conversation. M. Garnier-Pages, it seems, described to the enthusiastic journalist the crowds that came to the assemblies held in his house on the occasion of the elections in 1863. "In two days," said M. Garnier-Pages, "I received 6,000 persons; or I should rather say, 6,000 men, and one woman." Thereby hangs the tale. An Englishman and his daughter arrived one night from Florence, and put up at an hotel in the Rue Saint-Roch. They saw people crowding into No. 45 in the street. "What's this?" said the Englishman. "An assembly at the house of Garnier-Pages," he was told. "Very good; then I will go too," he declared, and in he went, his daughter leaning on his arm. The faithful historian adds that the son of Albion was in full travelling costume—low waistcoat, red necktie, green jacket, carpet-bag in hand. The daughter, Miss Anna, was a charming girl, lovely pink and white, who made havoc of the ice-creams. When the time for departure came, the English traveller addressed M. Garnier-Pages. "I am very glad to have the opportunity of seeing you again, Monsieur," he said. "When you were in England I followed you about from London to Manchester, from Manchester to Glasgow, from Glasgow to Dublin, from Dublin to Edinburgh, from Edinburgh to ——." "Indeed," said M. Garnier-Pages "to see me eating?" "No, but to beg of you to be so good as to kiss my daughter Anna, who has already been kissed by Lord Russell and Lord Disraeli, Sir Napier, Sir Cobden, Kossuth, Garibaldi, the late lamented Cavour and Changarnier, General Bedeau, Ledru-Rollin, M. de Beust, &c. Anna, present your forehead to M. Garnier-Pages." The distinguished Frenchman professes to have been stupefied with astonishment as he stood before this imperturbable Englishman, who had turned the brow of his daughter into a kind of album, where the illustrious signatures came from the lips. However, he went through the performance like a man: he kissed Anna. The Englishman drew from his coat a pocket-book, and made a note of it: "May 24th, 1863. M. Garnier-Pages kissed Anna." Then he tucked his daughter under his arm, made a stately bow, and went away happy, with his yellow waistcoat, his red necktie, and his green jacket, looking for all the world like a paroquet. It is well to see ourselves as others see us; but let us add that we are strongly reminded of the inaccuracy which pervades nearly all French accounts of England and English people, when we find in the very same paper from which the foregoing anecdote is borrowed, a statement to the effect that the Duke of Genoa, who is now at school in the house of Mr. Matthew Arnold, at Harrow, is—but we must give it in French—"Le Duc de Genes est à l'universite d'Harrow, près Donvres. Il parait qu'on l'appelle déjà *Sire!*" Is not this delicious? A boy at a public school in England addressed as *Sire!* And all because, according to the Frenchman's imagination, he is certain to be King of Spain, marrying first a daughter of the Duc de Montpensier.—*Daily News.*

DIVORCES IN FRANCE.

"'Tis true, 'tis pity; pity 'tis, 'tis true," that there are at the present moment no less than 1,533 petitions for a separation inscribed by husbands and wives at the Palace of Justice in Paris. Few of these lead to a reconciliation, though in many cases the petitions of the suitors are not pressed through lack of the necessary funds. The greater number, however, reach their sinister end. There are in France 44,567 persons who have been separated by the law. This, however, is but a small fraction of those who are separated in fact, though not by law; a consideration which has led a philosophical speculator across the Channel to issue the prospectus of a new monthly journal to be entitled *The Divorcee*. We have seen the rise of many class journals but surely of none more singular than this which is to be devoted to the subject of family quarrels. The proverb which suggests to all men that they should have their family linen washed at home is of French origin; and it is odd to hear of a proposal in France to neglect this wholesome rule, and to establish a journal for the express purpose of having the linen washed in public. The oddity of the proposal becomes ludicrous when we think of the class to whose interests the new journal is to be devoted. A journal cannot be supported by a class unless in the class there is some principle of cohesion. And what is the principle of cohesion in the class of persons who are to keep *The Divorcee* going? Simply this—that every member of it has had a deadly quarrel with his or her nearest and dearest friend, and has, for reasons good, bad, or indifferent, broken, or determined to break, the most sacred and tender tie which can bind two human beings together.—*Daily News.*

A PLACE OF FASHIONABLE RESORT.

THE Court of Bankruptcy is becoming quite a place of fashionable resort, and it must be hard for fast men to be obliged to shirk a bleaching process which is not only unattended with much difficulty, but is positively refreshing, and from the associations, we should almost say creditable. Yet there are some well-known names subjected to proclamations of outlawry, the owners of which we should have thought might have escaped the embarrassments of that extreme measure. George Augustus Viscount Parker and Lord George Osborne Townshend were "proclaimed in the usual manner," at the Sheriffs' Court on Thursday. Living beyond their means, it is supposed these noblemen have now gone to live beyond the seas. It is not easy in these times to make a small income meet a large expenditure. There was poor Grimshaw, the jockey, the other day, who could not support himself and pay his bills at the same time upon £600 per annum at least; but he remains to tell his story, while George Augustus Viscount Parker and Lord George Osborne Townshend have disappeared, under pressure of circumstances, without a sign.—*Daily News.*

SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS.

ON June 24, the following letter from Mr. C. F. Varley, C.E., F.R.G.S., the well-known electrician, reached London from Brest, whence it was posted just before the starting of the Great Eastern with the French Atlantic Cable:—

"Fleetwood House, Beckenham, Kent, June 16, 1869.

"My dear Sir,—Last Monday week I witnessed at a *séance* a phenomenon which is new to me. There were nine ladies and gentlemen present. The *séance* was held in a private house, the residence of an engineer, in a room unburdened with an excess of furniture, and with sufficient light to enable us to distinguish the features of all present, the light being furnished by a street lamp outside, as well as by the twilight, the two windows being uncovered either by blinds or shutters.

"The medium present was Mr. D. D. Home. The company consisted of the son of an earl of considerable talents, three civil engineers including myself, a private gentleman, and four ladies, two of whom are well known for their ability. Two of the company were sceptics receiving their first lesson.

"The usual phenomena took place, such as the raising of the table bodily from the floor, the tilting of it in various directions, and pushing us about the room, mental questions being answered by raps, to the great astonishment of the novices, one of whom was very properly very sharp in demanding proof and making close scrutiny.

"Opposite one of the ladies, and about twelve inches from the nearest hand; there was lying on the table a scent-bottle, about 4 inches long by 1½ inch broad. The table was a large round one of mahogany, without any cover. Mr. Home was on the opposite side of the table to the bottle. One of the engineers and one of the ladies present possessed the power of seeing what Reichenbach calls the flames or magnetic poles, and these two saw a pyramid of light over the scent bottle, whilst two others, endowed with clairvoyant vision of a deeper kind, saw a hand. I am unable to see these appearances except upon very rare occasions, and in this instance saw nothing of them.

"Shortly after these phenomena had been described to the rest of us, the scent-bottle began to rock very rapidly, producing much noise, and making about 8 or 10 leaps per second for about half a minute. Then it began gyrating, the rocking motion continuing during the gyrations, and we all nine of us sat watching this motion for about a minute and a half. This is one of the prettiest and most complete pieces of evidence I have had of bodies possessed of weight moving without anybody or anything visible to me touching the same.

"There is a circumstance of some interest to students, connected with physical manifestations; for, in order to obtain them with power, it is necessary that the minds of those present should be in as passive a state as possible during the collection from the medium and others present of the power necessary to produce the phenomena. Unless these conditions be complied with the presence of people with very active mind weakens or destroys the power, but, as soon as the phenomena commence, then the activity of the brains of observers is not detrimental. I have very often found that my presence puts a stop to, or greatly weakens, the physical manifestations; and last Monday week two of us were repeatedly called to order by raps, and told to engage in light conversation till the phenomena commenced. This is the reason why, more especially with weak media, some scientific men have failed to get any satisfactory results, where less active people succeed with ease.

"The spiritual beings who produce the physical phenomena seem in almost all cases to be very limited in intelligence, generally much less than any of the human beings present. With the clairvoyant phenomena, especially where the medium is capable of being entranced by the unseen intelligences themselves, the activity of the brains of those present does not impede the manifestations, at least as far as my experience goes. Through the latter sources of communication one is frequently enabled to converse with intelligences, spirits, or whatever you like to call them, whose knowledge is in advance of your own on many points.

"The process of dying does not seem to add to the intelligence of an individual, so far as I have been able to observe. It seems to be merely a change of state. Superstition seems to reign on the other side of the grave as much as on this, and appears to be as difficult to eradicate as here.

"There is one more point to which I should like to draw the attention of the society, and it is one in which all of those who may be called 'rational' mediums concur, namely, that a sudden and violent death is very prejudicial to an individual in the next life. Such a man is nearer in condition to material bodies than those who die a gradual natural death, and when his wisdom is of so low a character that he is maliciously inclined, he is much more able to influence prejudicially those on earth than are those who have died a natural death. I am fully persuaded that inquiry into this branch of the subject will lead to the termination of capital punishment on what may be termed 'selfish' grounds; because when a criminal of the lowest type is executed the lowness of his type, added to his violent death, makes him a spirit very nearly material in nature. Such beings seem to derive great pleasure in doing mischief, and, as they possess power of influencing the thoughts of those on earth delight in stimulating others to imitate their own low nature, the weak minded being their chief victims.

"I am sorry one of the London evening papers has printed a burlesque of the weakest part of the evidence I delivered before you. People reading that burlesque would, among other things, fancy that I stated that there is no relation between what are called the spiritual and the other known material forces. What I stated at the meeting was, that I had been unable to discover the correlation.

"While the committee are undecided in their opinions about the physical phenomena, which are but the very footstool of the subject, it is out of place to say much of the uses of Spiritualism. One important fact you may learn by questioning the witnesses, namely, that all who have been seriously following up the subject, and have been gradually coming into communication with their departed friends, have bit by bit lost the fear of death. Many, in fact, look forward to it as to promotion. The teachings already received from the higher spirits have many of them been left unrecorded, but some of them will be found in the literature of the subject, which is almost wholly American, and comprises hundreds of volumes published during the last twenty years. The books are obtainable in London only, so far as I know at the library of Mr. Burns, 15, Southampton-row, Bloomsbury-square. Of the English works that by Mrs. and Professor De Morgan is about the best.

"Before concluding I wish again to impress upon the committee and all Spiritualists that no one should rely upon his own evidence as conclusive, unless supported by collateral testimony. It was for this reason that when before you I cited chiefly those cases in which the same information had been communicated to me, and to others at a distance from me, at the same time neither of us expecting the messages delivered. I omitted many of the more striking cases not so corroborated by others. I hope that Spiritualists will not object to my stating that as a body I think them far too credulous.

"What is wanted at the present time is that those ladies and gentlemen who have the time and ability to investigate should combine, and then take up the different branches of these extensive questions, and pursue the inquiries with the same perseverance that characterises the investigators of natural philosophy, making it a rule to accept nothing as true until denial becomes impossible.

"In my opinion it is a grievous pity that so much attention is given to fiction, and so little to the truths which are being revealed by astronomy, geology, chemistry, and natural philosophy generally. These studies reveal truths before which the interest of the greatest fiction pales. Were children taught more of these interesting facts, and less of fiction, superstition would find fewer dupes, to the great moral progress of the world.—I am, my dear sir, very truly yours,

C. F. VARLEY,

"To the Secretary of the Dialectical Society."

NOTICES.

MR. A. MENIST,

OCULIST OPTICIAN,

FROM AMSTERDAM AND LONDON,

Respectfully announces his arrival in Bombay; and begs to introduce his Newly Invented Spectacles, which are peculiarly adapted to the Indian climate. The immense success he has met with in England has induced him to visit India, previous to his retiring from business, and he would beg to submit a few of the numerous testimonials he has received from the Faculty and Gentry.

A. Menist, Esq., Optist,

Adelphi Family Hotel, Byculla.

DEAR SIR,—It gives me great pleasure to add my testimony to the thousands you have already acquired from the best of judges of the profession which you represent, for introducing glasses upon an improved principle, for the use of persons of impaired sight.

My good wife was suffering from this complaint, and the worst of it was she could not pronounce a single pair of spectacles to suit her eyes. She tried many, but after the use of them for a few moments they were rejected, as they instead of remedying the evil made it the more worst. Fortunately for me I formed your acquaintance and introduced you to Mrs. Sorabjee. The pair of spectacles you gave her have suited her so comfortably, that since she has commenced wearing them she has become so much enamoured with them that she scarcely desires to put them aside for a single moment. I therefore without the least hesitation would proclaim to the sufferers from defective sight, &c., &c., "to apply at once to Mr. Menist, Optician, Adelphi Family Hotel, Byculla, if they are inclined to have their sight improved."

Wishing you every success in your profession in this strange land, Believe me to be, yours very faithfully,

SORABJEE JAMSETJEE JEJEKBHOY.

Breach Candy Road, 22nd May, 1869.

From Thomas Barrett, Esq., M. D., and Surgeon to the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mr. Menist has shown me some spectacles arranged by him. The lenses appear to be constructed on very scientific principles, and I can recommend Mr. Menist, from his great experience, of persons requiring assistance in selecting glasses.

THOMAS BARRETT, Esq., M. D.,
Surgeon to the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

St. James's Square, Bath, February 24, 1864.

From Frederick Mason, Esq., Surgeon to the Bath Infirmary for the cure of Diseases of the Eye.

Mr. Menist has called upon me and explained the merits of his glasses. They appear to be constructed upon proper principles, and I can recommend him to those requiring the use of spectacles. Mr. Menist has supplied some of my friends with spectacles, who, from the testimonials they have given, appear well pleased.

29 Belmont, Bath, February 29, 1864. FREDERICK MASON.

From James Tunstall, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.P., 25 Brook Street, Bath, February 27, 1864.

Mr. Menist has supplied myself and patients with some new lenses, with which we are much pleased. I have been near sighted, but for years, and find his glasses more comfortable than any I have ever worn, and I can confidently recommend their use to those who require the assistance of good glasses.

JAMES TUNSTALL, M. D., M. R. C. P.

From Charles Sylvester, Esq., M.D., 17 Kensington Place, Bath, February 25, 1864.

Having spectacles from Mr. Menist it gives me great pleasure in testifying to their goodness, and the improvement which is obtained by their use, and I can confidently recommend them.

CHARLES SYLVESTER, Esq., M. D.

From Vice-Admiral Thomas Gill, R.N., Grove Lodge, Bathwick, February 24, 1864.

I can with much safety testify to the superior quality of the spectacles I have purchased from Mr. Menist, Optician, and it is with much pleasure I would recommend him to any who require them.

THOMAS GILL, Vice-Admiral, R.N.

From Lieut.-Colonel John Hunt, 20, St. James's Square, Bath, February 23, 1864.

Mr. Menist has supplied me with glasses, and I beg to state that they have much benefitted my sight.

JOHN HUNT, Lieut.-Colonel.

To Mr. Menist, Optician, from Amsterdam.

From the late Lieut.-General G. E. Gowan, Royal Artillery, 7 Lansdown Crescent, Bath, February 23, 1864.

Mr. Menist has supplied me with spectacles which have given me much satisfaction, and I would strongly recommend those who require the assistance of glasses to apply to him.

G. E. GOWAN,
Lieut.-General, R. A.

Mr. Menist.

From the Rev. William Hanks.

Mr. Menist, who is an Optician of much experience and ability, has supplied myself and some relatives with glasses, which are in every respect well adapted to ameliorate defects of vision, and therefore I cannot but recommend him to any one who has need of his assistance.

WILLIAM HANKS.

93 Sidney Place, Bath, February 23, 1864.

From John Chilbourn, Esq., 9 Cavendish Place, Bath, February 23, 1864.

Sir,—It is now about two years since I took your spectacles into use; from the first my sight was greatly relieved by them, and I feel that it has received much benefit from the use of them, and can with confidence recommend them.

I remain, Sir, yours obediently,

JOHN CHILBOURN.

From John Walter, Esq., Surgeon, Dover, St. Martins Place, July 23, 1863.

Sir,—Having received great comfort from the use of your glasses, and being much pleased with yourself in all my transactions with you, whether for myself or others, I have no hesitation in recommending you as an optician, from my own experience. I am, Sir, yours obediently,

JOHN WALTER.

From Gustavus Gidley, Esq., M.D., Late of Sandgate, July 25, 1863.

Mr. Menist has supplied me with a pair of spectacles which have greatly improved my sight. GUSTAVUS GIDLEY.

From Henry Hutchings, Esq., House Surgeon to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

I hereby certify that having had the opportunity of examining Mr. Menist's glasses, I believe them to be of a superior quality; and to persons suffering from long or short vision they are peculiarly adapted. Mr. Menist has also some excellent lenses fitted for persons suffering from weakness of sight, which modify the rays of light and afford great comfort to the wearer.

HENRY HUTCHINGS, M. R. C. S. England, and L. S. A. London, House Surgeon to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

From John B Gill, Esq., M.D., Dover, 5 St. Martin's Terrace, July 24, 1863.

I have great pleasure in recommending Mr. Menist to persons suffering under imperfect vision, as his lenses are polished on an improved principle, and, as I believe, he possesses unusual talent for adapting spectacles to peculiar cases. Several of my friends have derived great benefit from them. JOHN B. GILL, M. D.

From G. F. Heritage, Esq., Surgeon, Castle St., Dover, July 24, 1863.

Mr. Menist having supplied some of the members of my family with glasses, I have taken the opportunity of examining them, and can confidently recommend them as being very superior, and calculated to improve defective vision.

G. F. HERITAGE, Surgeon.

From Lieut.-Colonel Kelly, 9 Sandgate Road, Folkestone, July 3, 1863.

Mr. Menist has supplied me with glasses for some time, and they have much benefitted my sight.

EDWARD KELLY, Lieut.-Colonel.

From James Parett, Esq., 6 Bartholomew Terrace, Buckland, Dover, September 12, 1863.

Having seen your improved lenses for impaired vision, I can speak of their great value, and recommend them to those who require them as a most efficient article and worthy of notice. Mrs. Parett has tried them, and found them surprisingly beneficial to her sight. I remain, Sir, yours respectfully,

JAMES PARETT.

From Edward Sibbett, Esq., Surgeon, Council House Street. Mrs. Sibbett, having benefited considerably from the use of Mr. Menist's spectacles, I feel much pleasure in recommending him to the notice of those who may require his assistance.

Dover, August 5, 1863. EDWARD SIBBETT, Surgeon.

From E. F. Astley, Esq., M.D., 29 Marine Parade, Dover, July 12, 1863.

Sir,—I do not use spectacles, I cannot speak practically as to the value of those you effect, but from the careful manner in which those you showed me are constructed, and from the strong recommendations sent me a few days before you called on me, from a medical practitioner, of many years' standing in the town, I feel assured you can be of great assistance to those who suffer from the affliction of impairment of vision.—I am, Sir, yours, &c., E. F. ASTLEY, M.D.

From H. Coleman, Esq., Surgeon, Cambridge Terrace, Dover. Mr. Menist has showed me several specimens of his glasses and explained their merits. I can recommend them to those who require the assistance of spectacles. HENRY COLEMAN.

From A. Duke, Esq., M.D., Dover.

Having used Mr. Menist's spectacles for some years, I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the comfort and benefit I have derived from them. ALLEN DUKE, M.D.,
Egremont Lodge, St. John's Park, Ryde.

From Edward Knocker, Esq., Registrar of the Cinque Ports, Castle Hill, Dover.

Mr. Menist supplied me with glasses nearly two years since, I have found them very serviceable and beneficial; in fact the sight has improved since I began to use them, and I most strongly recommend their adoption by persons needing such assistance. EDWARD KNOCKER.

From John Greyling, Esq., M.D., Sittingbourne, May 14, 1866

I have pleasure in adding my testimony to the acquirements of Mr. A. Menist in Optical Science, all elevations from the refractive and accommodative power of the eye he is well acquainted with, and consequently enabled to supply such aid in the way of artificial lenses, as the various defects require. Having received myself much benefit from the use of Mr. A. Menist's lenses I herewith acknowledge the obligation to Mr. A. Menist.

JOHN GREYLING, M.D.

From Colonel G. Shakspear, late of Sandgate, July 17, 1863.

Mr. A. Menist has supplied me with glasses several times. I have always found them very useful to the sight I wanted to suit. I can recommend him. G. SHAKSPEAR, Colonel, R. A.

From Councillor James Kelcey, Folkstone, May 23, 1866.

DEAR SIR,—The spectacles you have supplied me give me great satisfaction, and have fully realized all that your reputation as an Optician lead me to expect from the use of them. Faithfully yours, JAMES KELCEY.

Mr. Menist.

From Lady Oliver, Millfield, Ryde.

Lady Oliver of Millfield, Ryde, I. W., has been supplied by Mr. Menist with glasses, and has found them of great service.

March 28, 1865.

From The Hon. J. P. Ward, Saxonbury Lodge, Ryde.

Mr. J. P. Ward has pleasure in acknowledging the benefit he has received by purchasing a pair of spectacles from Mr. Menist.

March 14, 1865.

From H. Scott Gibb, Esq., Woodlynch, St. John's, Ryde.

Mr. Menist supplied me with several pairs of his glasses on his former visits to Ryde, and I have experienced great benefits from the use of them, and can with confidence recommend them.

Woodlynch, March 15, 1865. H. SCOTT GIBB.

From Captain T. B. Maynard, Holmwood, Ryde.

Mr. T. B. Maynard of Holmwood, near Ryde, has bought glasses from Mr. Menist, and has found them very valuable and suitable to the eyes.

March 15, 1865.

Newport, Isle of Wight, May 18, 1865.

I have used Mr. Menist's spectacles for the last five years, and am happy to bear testimony to their superior quality.

H. WATERWORTH, Esq., F.R.C.S.

From J. Davids, Esq., M.D., West Cowes, Isle of Wight.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellence of Mr. Menist's eyeglasses, which I have now worn for five years, and am of opinion that my sight has been benefitted by their use.

West Cowes, I. W., May 1, 1865. J. DAVIDS.

From F. W. St. Barbe, Esq., Symington, November 27, 1867.

Sir,—I have much pleasure in stating that I have every reason to be satisfied with the glasses and advice which you have supplied and given to me, and also in recommending you to any one whose eyesight requires alteration.—I am, Sir, yours very obediently,

F. W. ST. BARBE

Mr. A. Menist, 42 Burton Crescent,